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1. He shall take the chair every day, precisely at the hour to which the Convention shall have adjourned; shall call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any two members; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Convention.

3. Questions shall be decided but in this form, viz.: "As many as are of the opinion that, (as the case may be), say Aye," and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion, say No." If the President doubt as to the result of the vote, taken as above, or a division be called for, the Convention shall divide; those in the affirmative shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. No Congregation shall be entitled to be counted as more than one vote amongst the laity. And an equal division of the lay delegates from a congregation shall neutralize the vote of such congregation.

4. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Convention; in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if upon such ballot the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the Convention shall proceed to a second ballot; and in case a greater number than is required to compose a complete committee shall have an equal number of votes, the Convention shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.

III.—OF DECORUM AND DEBATE.

5. When the President takes the chair, no member shall stand up except to address the Chair.

6. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

7. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

8. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House.

9. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, unless by consent of two-thirds of the House.

10. While the President is putting any question the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

11. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he is personally interested in the discussion.

12. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it be seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

13. When a question is under consideration no motion shall be received unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motions to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

14. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

15. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the minutes of this House.

16. The reports of all committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion for acceptance, unless recommitted by a vote of the House. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the House, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the House therein.

17. If the question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately; except that a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision, which appeal shall be decided by the House; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without express leave of the House.

19. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition, on a subject different from the one under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

IV.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

20. The business of the House shall be called up and disposed of in the following order, to wit: 1st, Communications from the President. 2d, Reports from standing Committees. 3d, Special Committees, in the order of appointment. 4th, Petitions and Memorials. 5th, Motions and Resolutions.

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THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
September 12th, 1866.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois assembled for Divine Worship in the Cathedral, Chicago, on Wednesday, the 12th day of September, A. D. 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. E. JAMES PURDY, the First Lesson being read by the Rev. JOHN GIERLOW, and the Second Lesson by the Rev. RICHARD F. SWEET. The Rev. HENRY T. HIESTER said the Creed and the opening Collects, and the Rev. WARREN H. ROBERTS the Litany.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., the Rev. THEODORE N. MORRISON, D. D., reading the Epistle and the Gospel.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. JOHN W. MCCULLOUGH, D. D., from the Acts of the Apostles, first chapter and third verse, on the Church and her Ministry.

The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., then proceeded with the Holy Communion, consecrating the elements, and administering them to the Clergy, Lay Delegates and Congregation present.

Immediately after Divine Service, the Convention met for organization and business.

The Bishop of the Diocese being absent, the Secretary, in accordance with Canon IV., § V., called the Convention to order, when the Senior Presbyter present, the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., took the Chair.

The Secretary called the names of the Clergy entitled to seats, when the following were found present:

The Rev. Peter Arvedson,
" " Hiram N. Bishop, D. D.
" " John Bredberg.
" " Caleb A. Bruce.
" " John W. Buckmaster.
" " Philander Chase.
" " James S. Chamberlain.
" " Samuel Chase, D. D.
" " Charles E. Cheney.
" " James W. Coe.
" " Hiram H. Cole.
" " William H. Cooper.
" " Sydney Corbett, B. D.
" " George F. Cushman.
" " David W. Dresser.
" " John Gierlow.
" " Charles A. Gilbert.
" " Charles B. Guillemont.
" " Henry T. Hiester.
" " D. C. Howard.
" " S. Russell Jones.

The Rev. J. Harris Knowles.
" " Clinton Locke.
" " J. W. McCullough, D.D.
" " James S. McGowan.
" " Thomas W. Mitchell.
" " Theodore N. Morrison, D.D.
" " Francis B. Nash.
" " John Wesley Osborne.
" " William J. Pigott.
" " Edward C. Porter.
" " John Portmess.
" " E. James Purdy.
" " William W. Rafter.
" " William M. Reynolds, D. D.
" " Warren H. Roberts.
" " Albert W. Snyder.
" " Charles Stewart.
" " Richard F. Sweet.
" " Edmund B. Tuttle.
" " Salmon R. Weldon.

Whole number entitled to seats, ... 64
Whole number present, ... 41

There were also present, but not entitled to seats:

The Rev. Jonas Greene.
" " Roswell Park, D.D.
" " Erastus DeWolf.

Those entitled to seats, but not present, were:

The Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., LL. D.

The Rev. Hiram W. Beers.
" " Thomas N. Benedict.
" " John Benson.
" " John Cauch,
" " Charles P. Clarke.
" " Samuel Cowell.
" " George D. Cummins, D. D.
" " Henry H. DeGarmo.
" " S. B. Duffield.
" " S. R. Edson.
" " John Foster.

The Rev. Benjamin R. Gifford.
" " Benjamin Hutchins.
" " William F. B. Jackson.
" " Thomas Lyle.
" " Matthew Magill.
" " William Mitchell, M. D.
" " Peter B. Morrison.
" " George Sayres.
" " William M. Steele.
" " Silas Totten, D. D.
" " Robert Trewartha.

There being a quorum of the Clergy, the list of Parishes entitled to representation was read. The Certificates of the Lay Delegates were, on call, presented, and referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. WILLIAM M. REYNOLDS, D. D., S. H. TREAT, and the Secretary.

The Committee reported as correct the following:

St. John's, Algonquin,	William Estergren, James Kee.
St. Mark's, Chester,	John S. Edwards, M. D., R. B. Servant, John Swanwick.
St. Peter's, Chesterfield,	Thomas S. Gelder, Robert Oliver.
Ascension, Chicago,	Samuel Gehr, Francis P. Peabody, J. H. Vermilye.
Christ, Chicago,	A. C. Calkins, R. A. B. Mills, William H. Wood.
St. James', Chicago,	C. R. Larrabee, E. H. Sheldon, Talman Wheeler, M. D.
St. John's, Chicago,	George Gardner, C. H. Jordan, D. W. Page.
St. Stephen's, Chicago,	Robert C. Givens, George P. Lee, William Peters.
Trinity, Chicago,	George R. Chittenden, W. M. Mayo, L. B. Otis.
St. John's, Decatur,	Lowber Burrows, D. C. Lockwood, William J. Quinlan.
St Luke's, Dixon,	William W. DeWolf, James K. Edsall, William T. House
St. Mark's, Evanston,	C. Comstock, J. H. Kedzie.
St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge,	Egbert Coles, Jasper Bennett.
Christ, Joliet,	William Adams. B. H. Cheney, M. D., J. G. Wells.

St. James', Lewiston,	D. W. C. Bryant, Charles E. Fahnestock, S. Corning Judd.
St. John's, Lockport,	John Griswold, William Hawley, M. D., Hiram Norton.
St. John's, Naperville,	S. P. Stevens, James G. Wright.
St. Paul's, Peoria,	A. G. Tyng, Samuel Wilkinson.
St. John's, Quincy,	F. C. Moore, H. H. Hoffman, John Wood.
St. Paul's, Warsaw,	Henry Hill, John W. Marsh, A. H. Waterman.
Christ, Waukegan,	William Besley, William Freeman, Charles R. Steele.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates, and the following were found present:

Samuel Gehr—*Ascension, Chicago.*
A. C. Calkins, R. A. B. Mills, William H. Wood—*Christ, Chicago.*
Charles Brower, Henry C. Ranney—*Grace, Chicago.*
C. R. Larrabee, E. H. Sheldon—*St. James,' Chicago.*
C. H. Jordan, D. W. Page—*St. John's, Chicago.*
Robert C. Givens, Geo. P. Lee, William Peters—*St. Stephen's, Chicago.*
G. R. Chittenden, W. M. Mayo, L. B. Otis—*Trinity, Chicago.*
Lowber Burrows, D. C. Lockwood, Wm. J. Quinlan—*St. John's, Decatur.*
James K. Edsall—*St. Luke's, Dixon.*
C. Comstock, J. H. Kedzie—*St. Mark's, Evanston.*
Egbert Coles, Jasper Bennett—*St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge.*
J. G. Wells—*Christ, Joliet.*
S. Corning Judd—*St. James,' Lewiston.*
A. G. Tyng, Samuel Wilkinson—*St. Paul's, Peoria.*
F. C. Moore, H. H. Hoffman, John Wood—*St. John's, Quincy.*
William Radley—*Christ, Robin's Nest.*
N. W. Edwards, S. H. Treat—*St. Paul's, Springfield.*
J. G. Ketchum—*St. Peter's, Sycamore.*
Gabriel Davis—*Grace, Sterling.*
William Freeman—*Christ, Waukegan.*

Whole number of Parishes entitled to representation,..... 29.
Whole number of Certificates approved,..... 29.
Whole number of Parishes represented,..... 20.

There being present a Canonical number of Lay Delegates, thus constituting a quorum of both Orders, the Convention was declared to be duly organized and ready for business.

It was then moved and seconded to dispense with the ballot for the purpose of electing the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., President of the Convention, which was unanimously adopted, whereupon the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE was elected to that office.

The "Rules of Order" were then read.

The election of Secretary being next in order, the Rev. CHARLES A. GILBERT declining a re-election, on motion, the ballot was unanimously dispensed with, and the Assistant Secretary, the Rev. J. HARRIS KNOWLES was elected Secretary.

On motion the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. GEORGE P. LEE was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Secretary asked for an Assistant, and nominated the Rev. ALBERT W. SNYDER. The nomination was, on motion, confirmed.

The Treasurer laid upon the Secretary's table a list of the Parishes which had paid their dues since the opening of the Convention. Whereupon the list of Parishes was called, and the following Certificates of Lay Delegates were presented, and approved by the committee:

St. Ansgarius', Chicago,	John M. Shonbeck, Hans Jansen, A. M. Lind.
St. Luke's, Chicago,	Charles Hitchcock, Charles A. Street, William F. Whitehouse.
St. Mark's, Chicago,	W. K. Ackerman, C. I. Bowen, F. C. Smith.
Grace, Chicago,	W. J. Barney, Charles H. Brower, Henry C. Ranney.

St. Paul's, Carlinville,..... M. H. Head, M. D.

Zion, Freeport, ...

St. Paul's, Kankakee,..... C. Cobb, William Sibley, Camden Knight.

St. John's, Kewanee,..... E. V. Bronson, S. M. Etter, J. Hopkins.

St. John's, Lacon,.....

Trinity, Rock Island, ...

St. Jude's, Tiskilwa,..... Josiah Barnard, Aaron E. May, John Wilkins, M. D.

The following answered to their names and took their seats as members of the Convention:

F. C. Smith—*St. Mark's, Chicago.*
Charles H. Brower, Henry C. Ranney—*Grace, Chicago.*
Aaron E. May—*St. Jude's, Tiskilwa.*

The following petition from St. Thomas Church, Morris, was then presented, and on motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted:

VESTRY ROOMS, ST. THOMAS PARISH,
MORRIS, ILL., September 3, 1866.

We, the Wardens and Vestry of St. Thomas Parish, Morris, Ill., at a regular meeting do respectfully petition the Convention to receive the Parish of St. Thomas Church back into the Convention—forgive all arrears of assessments, provided the delegates present the proper amount of assessment for the past conventional year.

D. G. FRARY, Jr. Warden,
JOHN B. KAYE,
R. G. COWAN,
A. P. BARNES,
E. M. ROSS,
GEO. FISHER.

On motion St. John's Church, Lacon, was admitted to a seat in Convention, on payment of dues for last year.

A similiar motion prevailed in reference to St. Mark's Church, Geneva.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That Clergymen present not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be Admitted to honorary seats in this Convention, and that they be requested to hand their names to the Secretary.

The President gave notice that the front seats of the East Transept were reserved for this purpose; whereupon the following Clergymen took seats accordingly:

The Rev. Geo. Gibson, B.D., Diocese of Wisconsin.
" " Geo. A. Whitney, " " "
" " Albert E. Wells, " " Indiana.
" " H. G. Batterson, " " Minnesota.
Agent for the Society for the Increase of the Ministry.

The President appointed the following standing committees:

I. *On the Incorporation of Churches.*—The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D.D., S. C. Judd, C. R. Larrabee.

II. *On Finance.*—The Rev. J. W. McCullough, D.D., G. R. Chittenden, N. W. Edwards.

III. *On Privilege.*—The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D.D., The Rev. Sydney Corbett, E. H. Sheldon, L. B. Otis.

IV. *On Legislation.*—The Rev. W. H. Roberts, The Rev. H. T. Hiester, S. H. Treat, W. W. DeWolf.

V. *On the Extension of the Church.*—The Rev. H. N. Bishop, D.D., The Rev. P. Chase, The Rev. D. W. Dresser, D. W. Page, A. G. Tyng, Samuel Wilkinson.

VI. *On Unfinished Business* —The Rev. S. R. Weldon, D. C. Lockwood.

The President also appointed the Inspectors of Elections as follows:

For Standing Committee:

Clerical Votes.	*Lay Votes.*
The Rev. J. W. Coe	The Rev. C. A. Bruce,
Mr. Jasper Bennett.	Mr. A. C. Calkins,

For Deputies to General Convention:

Clerical Votes.	*Lay Votes.*
The Rev. H. T. Hiester,	The Rev. E. B. Tuttle,
Mr. D. W. Page.	Mr. James K. Edsall.

For Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois:

Clerical Votes.	*Lay Votes.*
The Rev. Sydney Corbett, B.D.	The Rev. John Gierlow,
Mr. N. W. Edwards.	Mr. Aaron E. May.

The "Papers of Application" for admission into union with the Convention were, on motion, received from the Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville, and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches.

Miscellaneous Business.

Miscellaneous Business being in order, on motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby tendered to the Rev. Charles A. Gilbert, late Secretary, for his faithful services rendered to the Convention, for the past four years, in that capacity.

Notice was given of an amendment to Canon VII., and on motion, referred to the Committee on Legislation.

On motion, the following resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay to the Bishop of the Diocese, out of the Contingent Fund, three thousand dollars *per annum* on account of salary, and three hundred dollars on account of travelling expenses.

On motion, the following petitions from Grace Church, Galesburg, were received and referred to the Committee on Privilege:

To the Bishop and Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, to be held on the 12th day of September, 1866.

At a meeting of the Wardens and Vestry of Grace Church, Galesburg, held on the 10th day of September, 1866, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the condition of this Parish is deeply to be regretted, and that the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois is hereby respectfully requested to restore Grace Church, Galesburg, to its proper Diocesan relations.

Resolved, That this Vestry has not at any time intended to violate the Canons of the Church, and if restored to its Diocesan relations it proposes to invite to the rectorship the Rev. C. A. Bruce, whose acceptance of the invitation would meet with the full approval of all parties in the congregation and restore harmony in the Parish.

Resolved, That in the late difficulties in which this Parish was involved, it has not at any time been the intention of this Vestry to show disrespect to the Bishop of the Diocese either personally or officially.

ALBERT GEORGE DOOLITTLE,
Clerk of the Vestry.

To the Bishop and members of the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois:

The undersigned, who withdrew from Grace Church, Galesburg, Illinois, in consequence of the action of the Vestry of said Church in retaining the Rev. J. W. Cracraft as officiating minister of said church, after they had been warned not to do so by the Bishop of the Diocese of the State of Illinois, thereby placing the Parish of Grace Church in a hostile attitude to the said Bishop and Diocese, learning that the said Dr. Cracraft has withdrawn from the said ministry, and that the Vestry of said Church are about to invite the Rev. C. A. Bruce to become the Rector of said Church, and being deeply sensible of the importance of restoring said Parish to its former happy relations to the said diocese, do earnestly pray your Reverend Body to restore

said Parish to its conventional relations. And we do so for the following reasons:

First—The withdrawal of the Rev. Dr. Cracraft will heal the difficulties that are now, or have heretofore existed in said Parish.

Second—That the Parish has suffered by the sundering of its relations to the Convention to a deplorable extent, both in its membership and attendants, and, unless restored to its proper relations, will suffer still more.

We fully believe that if the Parish is now restored to its proper relations to the Convention, it will regain its former membership and prosperity, and that while we deplore the past course of the Parish towards the Bishop and the Convention, yet we believe that our existence depends on our immediate and prompt restoration, and we think we can safely promise that Grace Church will hereafter be loyal to the Convention.

(Signed) G. C. LANPHERE,
THOS. B. MARTIN,
D. GREENLEAF,
J. P. McCUTCHIN
ALFRED COMBER.
T. E. COOTE,

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention meet for morning prayer at half past nine o'clock each day, and for business immediately after the conclusion of morning service, and continue in session until four o'clock each day, unless the business for the day shall be sooner completed.

On motion, an amendment to Article III, Section I, of the Constitution was proposed, and referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention respectfully request the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese to prepare for publication in the Journal of Convention the full report of each Parish.

On motion, an amendment to Canon II, Section III, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Extension of the Church be directed to report to this Convention some plan by which the efficiency of Jubilee College, as a Church School, may be increased in accordance with the wants of this Diocese.

On motion, two resolutions, touching the Provincial system, were received and referred to a special committee consisting of three Clergymen and two Laymen.

As such committee the President appointed the Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D., the Rev. J. W. McCullough, D. D. and the Rev. W. H. Roberts, and Messrs. S. C. Judd and L. B. Otis.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, It is apparent that there is a growing desire to introduce into the Church in the United States the ancient ecclesiastical office of Dean: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to bring the subject before the next Convention of this Diocese, giving such information and making such recommendation upon the subject as he may think proper.

The Committee on Privilege presented and read the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGE.

The Committee to which was referred the Petition of the members of Grace Church, Galesburg, and the Preamble and Resolutions of the Wardens and Vestry of said church report:

Whereas, The Parish of Grace Church, Galesburg, has ceased to employ as its stated minister the Presbyter not canonically connected with this Diocese, and who had been also canonically prohibited from officiating in this Diocese; and said Parish having expressed their intention to call the Rev. Caleb A. Bruce as their pastor, (a Presbyter of this Diocese in good standing), and having expressed regrets for their present condition, and disclaiming all intention to show disrespect to the Bishop of the Diocese, either personally or officially; and having formally asked to be restored to their former Diocesan relations: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Parish of Grace Church, Galesburg, be and hereby is restored to its former condition in union with this Convention, and to all its rights and privileges as such.

SIDNEY CORBETT,
T. N. MORRISON,
L. B. OTIS,
E. H. SHELDON.

On motion, the foregoing report with appended resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet again Thursday, at half past nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Thursday, Sept. 13th, 1866.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, at half past nine o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. D. W. DRESSER. The Rev. W. W. RAFTER said the Creed and the concluding Prayers.

The Convention was then called to order by the President, and the roll called by the Secretary.

The following Lay Delegates, not present the day before, also answered to their names:

John M. Shonbeck—*St. Ansgarius', Chicago.*
F. C. Smith—*St. Mark's, Chicago.*
B. F. Towner—*St. Mark's, Geneva.*
C. P. Barnes—*St. Thomas, Morris.*

The minutes were read, amended and approved.

The certificates of Lay Delegates, not presented the day before, were then called for, whereupon the following were laid upon the Secretary's table and approved by the Committee:

Atonement, Chicago, ... { J. N. Stiles, Reuben Tayler, J. T. White.

The names of the Lay Delegates were called, when J. N. STILES answered to his name and took his seat in the Convention.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The number of Communicants in St. Thomas' Parish, Morris, for the past Conventional year was reported as thirty-two, and whereas the present number is but twenty-four, therefore

Resolved, That St. Thomas' Church, Morris, be admitted to a seat in this Convention on the payment of twenty-four dollars, and that such payment be regarded in full for the past year.

The Committee on the Incorporation of Churches presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.

The Committee on the Incorporation of Churches respectfully report, that they have examined the petition of the "Church of the Holy Trinity," Danville, together with the accompanying documents, and find that said Church has complied with all the Canonical requisitions for admission into union with the Convention of this Diocese, they therefore recommend that it be so admitted.

W. M. REYNOLDS.
S. CORNING JUDD,
C. R. LARRABEE.

On motion, the Parish of Holy Trinity, Danville, was admitted into union with the Convention.

In the absence of the Right Reverend the Bishop of the Diocese, his fifteenth annual address was then read by the Rev. CLINTON LOCKE.

The Report of the Rt. Rev. J. C. TALBOT, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Indiana, and the Report of the Rt. Rev. H. W. LEE, D. D., Bishop of Iowa, acting for the Bishop of Illinois in his absence, were also read by the Rev. CLINTON LOCKE.

He also presented and read the Report of the Standing Committee acting as the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese, and the Report of St. Luke's Hospital.

The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., then presented and read the Report of Jubilee College, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the Extension of the Church.

JUBILEE COLLEGE.

PEORIA, March 15th, 1866.

This day a called meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in the office of the U. S. Collector, Peoria. There were present the following Trustees, viz:

The REV. S. CHASE, D. D., *Vice President*,	MR. WILLIAM WILKINSON,
The REV. T. N. BENEDICT,	MR. H. I. CHASE,
The REV. PHILANDER CHASE,	MR. SAMUEL WILKINSON.

The minutes of the previous meeting, (held April 27th, 1865,) were read, and on motion, approved as correct.

The Vice President read and submitted the following paper, which, on motion, was made part of the records, viz:

The undersigned, Vice President of Jubilee College, for the purpose of assigning reasons why the College, for some time, has been inactive, and also of laying before the Board his purpose of attempting to revive the institution, begs to submit the following, viz:

That in 1857, the period of the loss by fire of the principal building, the institution was comparatively unembarrassed; that is, it owed no debts but what it could control and carry along, and still maintain its course of instruction.

But in the effort to rebuild the West Wing, a debt of $1500 was incurred; add to this the loss of income during the year, arising from the dispersion of the students after the fire, and there existed at the commencement of the following year an indebtedness of some $2,000, which had to be carried through all subsequent time on interest.

From this period, 1859–60, the number of students sensibly diminished from year to year. This may be attributed in part to the financial condition of the country, but especially to the increased facilities afforded by our public schools. Men who were obliged to support our public schools whether they patronized them or not, would scarcely pay bills for board and tuition at other schools. There may be added to the above the fact that the institution maintained from year to year, from four to six students for the ministry, in

either the academic or Theological Departments, free of charge. During the last year in which the school was kept in operation, the number was seven, some of whom rendered in part an equivalent by slight personal services, but for the most part they were entirely gratuitous.

From the period of the fire up to the close of the school in 1861–2, there was expended in the support of young men for the ministry over $3,000.

All these circumstances—the diminished income from board and tuition, the gratuitous facilities afforded young men looking to the ministry, the losses incurred by bad debts—produced so much embarrassment that the undersigned found himself compelled, as the executive officer of the institution, to temporarily close its doors so far as the matter of instruction was concerned.

The undersigned may say, that in the effort to continue the College in activity, he used all the means in his power, not only of the College, but of his private substance—he disposed of all his available stock, and called in all indebtedness possible.

In 1862–3, he found himself heavily embarrassed with debts, all of which had been incurred in behalf of the College—upon some $2,500 of which he was paying 10 per cent. interest.

Under these circumstances the undersigned, after providing as well as he was able for the care and preservation of the property, took employment in other relations. Immediately on being relieved from the pressure of debts, he returned to his duties in the College. Since which time he has devoted himself to the care and custody of the property, and making arrangements for the revival of work in the College proper.

During the past year he made overtures to several clergymen interested in Christian education, in the hope of securing their personal services and active co-operation; but in this was disappointed. He, however, made such arrangements as were in his power for opening the schools, and commenced the work of teaching both in the male and female department—in the one in October and the other in November. Since which time the schools have been in constant operation; the number of scholars has been small in consequence of there being no facilities for boarding. The number of scholars has been eighteen.

The undersigned would further state that he is making arrangements to fit up the grounds, repair the buildings, including the Chapel and Boarding House, during the spring and summer, so as to open the schools for boarders in September next.

In these arrangements he intends to use all the means in his power, including his private means, as well as those of the College.

As to the present financial condition of the institution, the undersigned would say that through want of time he was unable to make up the balance of accounts in season for the present meeting of the board; but that it does not differ materially from that rendered some twelve months since. This exhibited on book account an indebtedness of some $2,000.

He would also state that he has advertised for, and is in correspondence with clergymen whose personal services and co-operation he hopes to secure in the several relations of boarding, teaching, and also in raising funds and securing scholars. In all these relations of service he regards as an essential element resident upon the hill, and identification with the College's daily life.

In furtherance of the above plans the undersigned has determined, in the event of his failure to secure proper assistance in the Boarding Department, to remove his own family into the Boarding House, and open the same for students the first Wednesday in September next.

The undersigned may say, that in the administration of the affairs of the College, while in many instances he has undoubtedly failed, he has endeavored to use the utmost economy compatible with satisfaction in boarding and efficiency in instruction.

He has at all times, and without remission of duty, given his personal labors, as well as the services of his family, in the Boarding Department, for, he verily believes, a very much less consideration than any one else would have rendered like services. He has freely used his own means, and given at various times in gifts the sum of $1,800. He has also for five years declined the additional sum of $200 per annum, generously voted him in 1858—in all $2,800. Since the closing of the school he has charged no salary proper, nor in his plans of reviving the school does he purposes doing so, until the school pays its way.

I do not say this in boast, or even in conscious self-vindication, since the uniform appreciation and courtesey of the Board render such an effort on my part not merely unnecessary, but almost unbecoming. I may, however, be indulged in it as an earnest of my love for and devotion to the work of Christian education.

In conclusion I would most respectfully ask of the Board their general approval of the foregoing plans and purposes of reviving the institution, and especially their formal approval of the appointment by the undersigned, of an agent to canvass for scholars and raise funds for repairs, and payment of additional teachers.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Vice President of Jubilee College.

Whereupon, after a full discussion of the subject, the following resolutions were adopted, viz:

That the Board cordially approves of the effort of the Vice President to revive the educational interests of Jubilee College.

That the Vice President be requested to appoint a suitable person to act as agent to secure scholars and solicit funds for repairs upon the buildings, and payment of teachers.

That this effort to revive the College be earnestly commended to the favorable consideration and assistance of Churchmen throughout the Diocese,

in order that the institution may become, as it was designed by its Venerable Founder, an effective instrumentality of Christian Education, and especially of training young men for the ministry.

On request of the Vice President, The Rev. T. N. Benedict, Mr. H. I. Chase and Samuel Wilkinson, were appointed a prudential committee to advise with and counsel the Vice President in the general administration of the affairs of the institution, and co-operate with him in the effort to resuscitate the College.

On motion, the board adjourned *sine die.*

SAMUEL CHASE, *Secretary.*

The purposes and determinations as intimated and determined above have been carried out. Funds to the amount of $956 95 have been raised; the buildings have been repaired and furnished to the extent of available means. Other funds are promised and will be mainly devoted to improvements and decorations of the Chapel.

The Rev. Mr. Benedict has removed to the Hill and will devote himself to the interests of the College; so that the corps of instructors will be such as to secure efficiency in the matter of instruction and command the confidence and support of the church.

There is a fair prospect of scholars as boarders and quite a number as day scholars from the neighborhood.

It ought not to be disguised that the Officers and Instructors of the Institution, in the present effort to revive its educational work, enter upon their work as a "pure and simple labor of love." They have no salary, and devote themselves and their energies, in the full confidence that God will bless their labor and the Church sustain the work.

The following is an exhibit of the present financial condition of the College —viz:

LIABILITIES AND ASSETTS, APRIL 1st, 1866.

To amount due Mrs. Russell	$1,435 18	
To amount due S. Chase	1,780 20	
Balance due Treasurer	929 29	
Sundries on account	190 02	
By amount due on book account		478 46
By amount due bills receivable		2,188 17
Balance		1,618 15
Total	$4,284 64	4,284 64

SAMUEL CHASE,
Treasurer Jubilee College.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Standing Committee, acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, as relates to the Rev. J. W. Cracraft and the inter-Diocesan relations of Ohio and this Diocese, be referred to a select Committee of four, to report to this Convention.

The President appointed as such Committee:

The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B.D.,	Mr. S. H. Treat,
" " W. H. Roberts.	Mr. L. B. Otis.

On motion, the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D.D., was added to said Committee.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese made the following report:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS FOR 1865-66.

I. SEPT. 13.—At the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, held in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Sept. 13th, 1865, The Rev. Messrs. Clinton Locke, T. N. Benedict, H. W. Beers, and Messrs. F. A. Bryan, A. C. Calkins and N. B. Kidder, were elected the Standing Committee.

II. SEPT. 14.—The Standing Committee met in the Cathedral and organized, electing The Rev. C. Locke, President, and The Rev. H. W. Beers Secretary. Testimonials recommending The Rev. John Portmess for Priest's Orders were signed.

III. NOV. 28.—The Committee convened at Guild Hall. It was resolved that the fund for aged and infirm clergy be divided equally between the Rev. Messrs. C. P. Clark, Benj. Hutchins and Asa Griswold. Testimonials were signed recommending The Rev. Messrs. H. H. DeGarmo, C. J. Hendley, J. H. Knowles and J. S. McGowan for Priest's Orders, and Dewitt C. Howard as a candidate for Deacon's Orders. The Bishop announced to the Committee his intention of absence, and authorized them to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority in his absence.

IV. JAN. 11 '66.—Testimonials of The Rev. John Barrett Kerfoot, Bishop elect of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, were signed.

V. MARCH 1.—Testimonials of The Rev. Robert Trewartha for Priest's Orders were signed.

VI. JULY 1.—Testimonials of The Rev. George D. Cummins, D. D., Ass't. Bishop elect of the Diocese of Kentucky, were signed.

VII. AUG. 31.—Testimonials of The Rev. Wm. Armitage, D. D., Assistant Bishop elect of Wisconsin, were signed.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE BOARD OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

I. Nov. 28, 1865.—The following clergymen was appointed Missionaries for the year at the places and with the stipends attached.

Algonquin and Dundee	The Rev.	P. Arvedson	$200
Collinsville and Belleville	" "	J. Portmess	150
Geneseo and Cambridge			150
Geneva			150
Lee Centre and Amboy	The Rev.	W. Trewartha	150
Lewiston	" "	A. Spor	200
Morris	" "	J. McGowan	150
Pekin and Fremont	" "	W. M. Steel	150
Rushville	" "	C. A. Bruce	150
Shelbyville	" "	J. B. Pedelupe	150
Warsaw	" "	W. M. Reynolds, D.D.	150
Itinerant, in Peoria Co.	" "	J. S. Chamberlain	200
St. Anne (French)	" "	C. Guillemont	200
Swedish Church, Chicago	" "	J. Bredberg	200

II. JAN. 11, 1866.—The Rev. A. Spor was authorized to include Canton in his missionary field, officiating at his discretion.

III. MARCH 1.—The Rev. M. Magill was appointed Missionary at Morris, in place of The Rev. J. McGowan, resigned.

IV. JUNE 5.—The Treasurer of the Diocese waited on the Board to state the very great deficit in the Missionary Treasury. It was resolved that an appeal be made to all the Parishes, entreating their attention and help in this matter. The President was empowered to draw up this appeal and procure its distribution.

The Trustees of the Diocese of Illinois, through their Treasurer, presented and read the following report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer, in Account with the Trustees of the Diocese.*

SEPT. 11, 1866.—For cash received from the following Parishes:

Grace,	Chicago,	$20 00
Ascension	"	20 06
St. Paul's	Springfield,	37 00
St. John's	Algonquin,	1 68
Christ Church	Ottawa,	10 00
Cathedral	Chicago,	38 50
Christ	Waukegan,	11 50
Trinity	Rock Island	2 25

St. Luke's	Dixon	8 65
St. Paul's	Alton,	9 40
Grace	Galena,	10 50
St. Mark's	Evanston,	4 50
St. John's	Albion,	3 00
St. Peter's	Sycamore,	5 00
Christ Church	Ottawa,	12 00
St. James	Lewiston,	1 40
Christ Church	Chicago,	25 86
St. Paul's	Warsaw,	10 00
Trinity	Aurora,	6 26
St. John's	Naperville,	5 15
St. John's	Decatur,	7 10
Trinity	Belvidere,	4 00
St. Peter's	Chesterfield,	4 00
St. Paul's	Alton,	10 70
St. Paul's	Peoria,	20 00

The following amounts received from J. N. Hansel, former Treasurer, and for Conventional year 1864–5.

St. Mark's	Chester	$ 5 50			
St. Paul's	Alton,	12 40			
Emanuel	Rockford,	6 00			
Calvary	Farmington,	5 25			
Redeemer	Cairo,	10 00			
Trinity	Rock Island,	3 00			
St. Luke's	Dixon,	4 00			
St. John's	Decatur,	5 00—	51 15		
Christ Church	Collinsville,			50—	334 66

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Dec. 1865.—By cash paid for account book.			1 00		
The Rev. C. P. Clark	Ottawa,	77 77 30 00—	107 77		
" " B. Hutchins		77 77 30 00—	107 77		
" " Asa Griswold		77 77 30 00—	107 77—		324 81
As aged and infirm Clergy.					
By cash in hand to balance account					10 35

GEO. P. LEE,
Treasurer for Trustees.

On motion the Convention took a recess of twenty minutes.

The Convention having been called to order by the President, the next business before the House was election, and first that of the Standing Committee.

An ineffectual motion was made to dispense with the ballot for the purpose of electing as members of the Standing Committee, the following:

The Rev. Clinton Locke,	Mr. G. R. Chittenden,
" " H. W. Beers.	" C. R. Larrabee,
" " Hiram N. Bishop, D. D.	" A. C. Calkins.

The Convention then went into an election for members of Standing Committee.

Pending the result of the ballot, the Committee on Legislation presented the following reports:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation beg leave to report favorably on the proposed changes in Canon VII, of which notice was given on Thursday, relating to Diocesan Missions, as follows:

REPORT ON CHANGES IN CANON VII.

Erase Sections 1, 2 and 3, Canon VII, and insert the following:

The Board of Missions of this Diocese shall consist of the Bishop and a Committee of six persons, three of whom shall be Clergymen, and three Laymen, of which Board the Bishop shall be *ex officio* President, to whom shall be committed the interests of the Missionary work of the Diocese.

The Board shall hold stated meetings for the transaction of general business, and may be called together at any time by notice from its President.

No Missionary shall be appointed by the Board unless he shall have been first nominated by the Bishop.

In the absence or inability of the Bishop, the senior Clergyman of the Board shall act as President.

This Board shall be elected annually by Convention.

(Signed),

W. H. ROBERTS,
H. T. HIESTER,
S. H. TREAT,
W. W. DE WOLF.

On motion, the proposed amendment to Canon VII, as above, was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the following were appointed a Committee to nominate the Board of Missions required by said Canon VII. The Rev. Messrs. C. A. GILBERT, H. N. BISHOP, D. D., CLINTON LOCKE, and Messrs. E. H. SHELDON and S. WILKINSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION ON POSITION OF TREASURER IN CONVENTION.

The Committee on Legislation to whom was referred the subject of the Treasurer's position in the Convention, beg leave to report the following addition to the language of the third Section of the fifth Article of the Constitution.

And the Treasurer, *ex officio*, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Convention when not a delegate, except that of voting.

(Signed),

W. H. ROBERTS,
H. T. HIESTER,
S. H. TREAT,
W. W. DE WOLF.

On motion, the above addition to the third Section of the fifth Article of the Constitution was approved.

The matter lies over until the next Convention for adoption, according to Article XVIII of the Constitution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION UPON CHANGE IN THE TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The Committee on Legislation beg leave to report adversely on any change in the time of the annual meeting of this Convention,

(Signed),

W. H. ROBERTS,
H. T. HEISTER,
S. H. TREAT,
W. W. DE WOLF.

On motion, the adverse report of the Committee on Legislation referring to proposed amendment to Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution was not concurred in.

Whereupon, on motion, the following amendment to said article was approved.

There shall be a Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September annually.

This also lies over until the next Convention.

The Inspectors of Election for members of the Standing Committee being ready to declare the result of the ballot, just had, reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. H. W. Beers,	Mr. A. C. Calkins,
" " H. N. Bishop, D. D.,	" G. R. Chittenden,
" " Clinton Locke.	" C. R. Larrabee.

On motion, further elections were postponed until Friday.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and the report of the Endowment Fund Committee was presented and read.

REPORT OF ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE.

The Endowment Fund Committee of the Diocese of Illinois, respectfully report as follows:

They have organized by the election of Mr. N. B. Kidder as Chairman. and Samuel Gehr re-elected as Secretary; they have also received the resignation of Mr. George R. Chittenden as a member of the Committee, for reasons entirely satisfactory to that body.

The Committee further report that they have attempted no active work during the year; believing that really to be the best thing for the final success of the plan:

The reasons assigned for this course are as follows, and are offered with a proper sense of respect for the body, of which this Committee is the agent and instrument.

The report of the Committee of last year, mentioned at some length, the practical disadvantage which it experienced, on account of the hasty manner in which the resolutions creating and organizing this plan passed the Convention of 1864. The consequences resulting from such hasty action, were a want of proper appreciation of the capacity of the plan, for great and almost illimitable expanse and results, if strongly worked, and a consequent lack of energy and power in its development by the individual members of that Convention; consequently this work of building up, and forming the public Church sentiment, in regard to this subject was one devolving upon the Committee; and from the very nature of the case they worked at disadvantage. These facts were mentioned, in the hope and expectation that they would receive the attention of the Convention, and that such action would be taken by that body, as the exigencies of the case, and the importance of the subject should demand. It is matter of record however, (and the Committee say it with sorrow and regret) that beyond the time spent in disposing of the sum already raised, no time or thought was devoted to the interests of this great plan: and so on the entrance of the new year the Committee found itself uncheered by a single act or expression of the Convention, to strengthen and uphold them in their further work.

It is also matter of fact, that the action of the Convention in relation to the disposition of the then accrued fund, was not of such character, as to give complete satisfaction to all its members—it may indeed be doubted, whether any important measure will receive the unanimous vote or approbation of the Convention, but policy in the better meaning of the word should pause before pressing a measure against a large minority. In thus commenting: the Committee beg to be understood rightly; not as censuring the Convention or any of its members; this they have no right to do—but simply as feeling deep interest in the success of this plan, they mention certain facts as existing, and would raise the point of expediency as to that action last year, as bearing upon the future development of the work intrusted to their particular care, in the hope that wisdom may be gained from the past to guide the future: desiring to be understood as expressing no judgment upon such past action. To the Convention alone belongs the power to dispose of the fund, and to their action the Committee respectfully bow.

The Committee however feel bound to say that a fault existed, in that members of the Convention remained silent during the disposition of the fund, who freely expressed dissent after the adjournment—this dissent should have been expressed on the floor of the house.

Recurring to the want of indorsement by the Convention: it is affirmed, that it is vain for a Committee to attempt single handed to work such a plan, because it acts in some degree against the usual routine method of raising money for Church purposes; and therefore needs decided and warm endorsement at the beginning. It is well known that the introduction of any new plan, either in mechanics, agriculture or science, depends at first not so

much upon its intrinsic merit, as upon the character and surroundings of the innovator or improver—strong friends and hearty indorsement will often times accomplish success in this direction when true merit would utterly fail. The Church in the Diocese by her representative men in Convention assembled, could thus stamp this scheme with success and prepare the way for its friendly reception, and rapid advance and development.

It is feared also, that there is want of a proper appreciation of the vastness of this scheme, and the immense amount of good that may be accomplished by its energetic and general working.

There is also perhaps a dim and undefined doubt or fear in the minds of some, that this plan runs athwart Parish work and success, by withdrawing funds which would otherwise enure to the Parish benefit.

While the Committee are entirely unanimous in their views in these respects, it is found very difficult to encounter such ideas successfully with one individual after another, and therefore beg the attention of the Convention to the whole subject, for the benefit of their successors, and for the success of the scheme itself.

Notwithstanding the inaction of the Committee in work, the plan would seem to have its warm and loving friends, in different parts of the Diocese; who having felt its benefits, and are reluctant to give it up. So far as the Committee know, no public efforts have been made, no appeals heard; and yet quietly and unostentatiously, by the side of, and in unity with all other Church plans and designs, the little sums have found their way into the Endowment Fund Treasury; until the ingatherings thus made, amount to Twelve Hundred and ten dollars and twenty-eight cents, ($1210.28) from eighteen Parishes, as follows:

		1864–5.	1865–6.	Total.
Grace,	Galena,	$ 68 70	$ 48 20	$116 90
St. Luke's,	Dixon,	17 50	49 12	66 62
St. John's,	Decatur,	46 80	.....	46 80
Christ Church,	Waverly,	*personal.*	5 00	5 00
St. Stephen's,	Chicago,	.....	66	66
Christ Church,	Ottawa,	.....	56 52	56 52
Christ Church	Robin's Nest,	.....	20 00	20 00
St. James,	Lewistown,	.....	7 80	7 80
Trinity,	Jacksonville,	.....	100 00	100 00
Christ Church,	Limestone Parish,	.....	24 35	24 35
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	.....	194 35	194 35
Grace,	Chicago	.....	171 70	171 70
St. Andrews',	Farm Ridge,	.....	12 00	12 00
Trinity,	Chicago,	.....	173 31	173 31
Ascension,	Chicago,	.....	32 87	32 87
St. Paul's,	Carlinville,	.....	43 20	43 20
St. Thomas',	Amboy,	.....	10 40	10 40
Cathedral,	Chicago,	.....	127 80	127 80
		133 00	1077 28	1210 28

These sums were regularly remitted upon the blanks, and to close the quarters designated by this Committee, and were regularly entered to the

credit of this fund: and yet recent events have indicated, that to some extent, the action of Convention, relating to the Diocesan Assessments, and the Endowment Fund plan, were misunderstood. That action was (pp. 41–44 Journal of 1865,) that the plan of the Endowment Fund should be adopted as *the mode* of raising the Diocesan Fund, but leaving the time and manner of paying the same, subject to Canon XIII, Sec. 2, as heretofore. The Parishes to some extent seem to have *adopted the recommendation*, but have ignored the existence of the Canon, and at a late period of the year, have transferred, in whole or in part, the Endowment Fund remittances to the Diocesan Treasurer's account.

The amounts so transferred are as follows:

St. Luke's,	Dixon,	in part,	$ 43	00
Christ Church,	Robin's Nest,	in full,	20	00
St. James',	Lewistown,	in full,	7	80
Trinity,	Jacksonville,	in part,	78	00
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	in part,	120	00
St. Andrew's,	Farm Ridge,	in full,	12	00
Ascension,	Chicago,	in full,	32	87
Total amount transferred,			313	67
And leaving standing to the credit of the Endowment Fund, from 14 Parishes,			896	61
There has been an expenditure this year, of printing and posting to the Parishes of one circular,			7 10	
And payment of one bill of last year, not presented until after last Convention, of			26 55	—33 65
Leaving as Net receipts,				$862 96

This sum may possibly be lessened by the transfer of other sums to the Diocesan Treasurer's books, but the lateness of time, and the near approach of Convention, would indicate that no more changes will be made, and that the above amounts will stand permanently to the credit of the fund. If so it may fairly be considered, as so *much over and above all other* sums for Church purposes; which would not otherwise have been gathered; and that its payment has not in the least detracted from any Church work, nor dwarfed any other Church treasury or undertaking. While on the other hand, should other sums be transferred, even to the whole amount, it would show the inherent strength of the system, (though but illy tested,) as compared with the old plans for raising money for Church purposes.

In resigning their positions, the Committee again affirm their strong and abiding convictions, in the capacity and practicability of the plan over all others known in the Church, for achieving great and magnificent results; indeed, the more the mind contemplates the capacity to which it may be enlarged, and the immense work in Church lines which may be accomplished through its instrumentality, it shudders in view of the terrible responsibilities resting upon us as Christian brothers, that we have not sooner and with a firmer grasp, laid hold of this lever, and means of rising to the level of dominance as a Christian power.

There need be but very trifling expense for years to come—all the books and papers are provided—the ground work is well laid out—the whole expenditure for boxes, may with judgment and by the liberality of the people be recovered from their possessors, (for they are all placed in Church homes within the Diocese,) and thus nearly every penny gathered in would serve to augment the aggregated whole.

Apparently the fate of the scheme, with all the past labor, its undeveloped future depends upon the action of this Convention. If passed by in silence, or with a cold and matter-of-course commendation, forgotten as soon as uttered; separating without a united determination to develope its merit and strength in every portion of the Diocese, the conclusion is foregone, and it must be counted as among the things that were: but on the other hand, if the Convention shall rise to the full measure of its christian duty, and determine to stand by and support and advance this to a full development, its future and our future as a Church may be grand and glorious, beyond what eye hath seen, or that hath entered into the heart of man to conceive.

We close our report by presenting a few of the reasons why this plan should be retained and developed.

It has many warm and hearty friends in the Diocese; it has no enemies, except a fear of new plans; it works over and beyond, and in harmony with all other Church plans and efforts—it will bind us together as a united whole, a common work for a common purpose, and thus subordinating to its proper level that enemy of real unity, congregational or local feelings and interests. It has shown vitality and power even in its infancy, and against all the drawbacks of lost time and inexperience in its organization; it addresses itself to all (of whatever age or sex, and in all conditions of life) who love God and the advancement of His Kingdom; its objects are meritorious; it is within the reach of all its benefactors; it can find its way into many hearts where other calls would not be heard, and would enter thousands of christian homes, and with its countless hands receive from each the offering like the widow's mite, but which, when aggregated, would fill to overflowing the Treasury of the Lord, and be the foundation and corner stone of many works of love, mercy and charity, and thus enable us to show forth our faith by our works.

The Committee append the following resolutions, as indicating the views presented in this report, and ask the action of the Convention upon them, as an exponent of its views.

WHEREAS, The Church in this Diocese presents an aspect almost unparalelled on this Continent, in the magnitude of her wants, to enable her to fulfil the great responsibilities resting upon her; among which may be mentioned a greatly increased breadth and vigor in Church extension; more laborers in the vineyard; the erection of Churches; founding and supporting Schools, Hospitals and Homes: and *Whereas*, The fact is patent that in the greater part of this Diocese, the Church has never entered: And *Whereas*, also these

wants can only be met through the liberality of individual men, or by some common and far reaching act of all the Church attendants in the Diocese, in providing means for these expenditures:

Resolved, That the duty imperatively rests upon us, of adopting and fostering any and all plans, calculated to furnish money and means for the furtherance of this christian work.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the Endowment Fund plan of this Diocese possesses a power, far beyond any other plan now known, for raising large sums of money for the general purposes of the Church, and is entitled to the united and hearty support of every Church member and attendant in this Diocese.

Resolved, That this Convention enjoins upon each of its members the duty of fostering and strengthening the claims of this plan upon all the Church attendants within his influence; and that we do now each pledge ourselves to use our influence among our friends and acquaintances in our respective Parishes, for the support and advancement of this plan, and for the active co-operation of the Parishes wherein we reside.

All of which is submitted.

N. B. KIDDER, *Chairman.*

After making up Report and during Convention, changes were made in the Report as follows:

TRANSFERRED TO DIOCESAN FUND.

Grace,	Chicago,	$200 00	
Grace,	Galena,	48 20	
St. Paul's,	Carlinville,	18 00	$266 20

ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS.

Grace,	Chicago,	45 60	
St. Mark's,	Chester,	18 20	
St. Luke's,	Dixon,	10 95	
St. Luke's,	Wyoming,	10 40	
Christ Church,	Waukegan,	21 15	$106 30

The Report, together with the Resolutions appended thereto were, on motion, made the order of the day, for Friday, at half past ten o'clock.

On motion, the following resolution was received, and laid over for action, with the aforesaid report and resolutions.

WHEREAS, Certain Parishes are indebted by arrearage to the bonded debt of the Diocese: and, *Whereas*, One of the objects of the Endowment Fund is to liqudate the said bonded debt:

Resolved, That whenever, after making certain deductions, any Parish shall have paid, by means of the Endowment Fund or otherwise, a sum equal to the indebtedness of said Parish, the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to receipt in full, to the said Parish for all its said indebtedness.

The Treasurer of the Convention presented and read his report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Church Extension presented and read a report in regard to Jubilee College, which, on motion, was laid upon the table, to be called up on Friday.

On motion, WM. FREEMAN, Lay Delegate from Christ Church, Waukegan, was excused from further attendance at the sittings of this Convention.

On motion, the Rev. H. T. HIESTER, was excused from the further sittings of this Convention.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in the Cathedral, Chicago.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed nine hundred copies of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and send two copies to each of the members of the Convention, and one copy to every ten Communicants in each Parish, and the usual copies to the Bishops, Secretaries of the Convention, and periodicals of the Church; and that he cause to be printed five hundred extra copies of the Bishop's Address, in separate pamphlet form; and that every Clergyman in the Diocese be requested to read the same in his pulpit; and also, that the Secretary seek proposals from various printing offices for the printing of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and select from the same at his discretion.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention has listened with interest to the beautiful and touching address of our Bishop; and that we warmly sympathize in his views and sentiments in reference to Catholic union.

Resolved, That while we feel deeply the absence of our dear and faithful Bishop, yet we trust that his present labors and efforts will contribute to the restoration of intercommunion among all branches of the Catholic Church, as we feel assured they will form a brilliant feature in his public life.

Resolved, That we tender our beloved Bishop our warmest regards, and pray for his safe return, that we may again hear from his lips words of counsel, sympathy and encouragement.

The following resolution was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

WHEREAS, The Presentors in the late trial of the Rev. E. W. Hagar, did avail themselves of the services of J. W. Chickering, Esq.: and, *Whereas*, said Chickering was present during said trial in the capacity of Proctor for said Presentors.

Resolved, That this Convention do allow the said Chickering the sum of two hundred dollars in payment of said services as aforesaid.

The Committee appointed to nominate the Board of Missions, reported the following names: The Rev. T. N. MORRISON, D. D., the Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAIN, the Rev. C. E. CHENEY, Mr. GEORGE P. LEE, Mr. A. G. TYNG and Mr. J. A. HOES.

On motion, the nominations were unanimously concurred in, and they were therefore declared elected.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet again on Friday morning at half past nine o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Friday, September 14th, 1866.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at half past nine o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the end of the Collects, by the Rev. J. W. COE. The Rev. PHILANDER CHASE said the Litany and concluding Prayers.

The Convention was then called to order by the President.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

On motion, the Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, was admitted to representation in Convention, upon payment of dues for the current year.

JOHN F. BEATTY being present as Lay Delegate from said Parish took his seat.

The regular order of business being that of election, on motion, the Rules of Order were suspended and the elections postponed.

The Reports of Special Committees were then in order, whereupon, the following from the Special Committee on the Provincial System was presented and read,

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE PROVINCIAL SYSTEM.

The Committee to whom were referred the resolutions on the Provincial System, would respectfully report that, having given the subject as much consideration as their limited time permitted, they would recommend their adoption in the following modified form:

Resolved, That the Diocesan Convention of Illinois declare itself to be in favor of an early adoption in this country of a Provincial System adapted to the condition and wants of the Church in the United States; and the General Convention is requested at its next session to provide the necessary legislation to accomplish this end.

Resolved, That this Convention is in favor of changing the names of our General and Diocesan Conventions to those of General and Diocesan Councils.

(Signed),

WM. M. REYNOLDS,
W. H. ROBERTS,
J. W. McCULLOUGH,
L. B. OTIS,
S. C. JUDD.

On motion, action was postponed upon aforesaid Report and Resolution, until next Annual Convention.

The Special Committee upon so much of the Report of the Standing Committee as referred to the Inter-Diocesan relations between Ohio and Illinois, presented and read the following Report and Resolution:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE UPON THE INTER-DIOCESAN RELATIONS BETWEEN OHIO AND ILLINOIS, IN THE CASE OF THE REV. J. W. CRACRAFT.

The first and determining question in this case is, the previous ecclesiastical *status* of the Rev. Mr. Cracraft, after his trial and sentence, both as it regards the Diocese of Ohio and Illinois.

The accused was presented on complaints preferred by the Bishop of Illinois, under Section I, Canon 3, Title II.

He was tried in Ohio, found guilty, sentenced to admonition, and the penalty inflicted.

One of the charges of which he was found guilty, was violation of a "prohibition" imposed upon him by the Bishop of Illinois.

In administering the admonition, Bishop McIlvaine closes the proceedings in the following words: "Here I discharge the case, and release you from all complaints preferred by the Bishop of Illinois, and from all proceedings thereon, and regard you now in regular standing as a Presbyter in this Diocese."

This declaration, sweeping as it is, must, as a judicial act—as part and parcel of the proceeding—be confined to matters over which Ohio had juris-

diction, *i. e.*, upon the several counts in the presentment, upon which trial was actually had. It is a *judicial act.* and must be so interpreted, since its only legal effect is to shield the accused from a second trial for the same offences; *it simply precluded further trial.*

But sentence had been pronounced, and whatever that sentence implied or worked out for the accused, must be borne by him; no declaration that the case is no longer on trial can change the import of the sentence, or avert its penalty.

The force of the penalty, so far as Ohio is concerned, is simply to prevent its Bishop from giving him what are technically called "Clean Letters Dimissory" to the Diocese of Illinois, or elsewhere; this is a penal consequence inevitable.

While the force of the penalty, so far as Illinois is concerned, is, to place the accused, and leave him in precisely the same disciplinary relation he occupied before presentment or trial, it is true he could not be again tried for *the same offences;* but whatever disability, so far as discipline in Illinois was concerned, he labored under, this still rested upon him.

The accused had been, previously to presentment and trial, prohibited by the Bishop of Illinois under Section II, Canon 3, Title II, and neither the trial or execution of the sentence had any relation to, or reached, the prohibition as such. The trial and penalty only reached the *violation of the prohibition.* The Canon says expressly: "And such prohibition shall continue in force until the Bishop of the first named Diocese be satisfied of the innocence of the said Clergyman, or until he *be acquitted on trial.*"

Trial had been had, sentence of guilt had been pronounced, penalty had ensued, and neither of these reached or touched the prohibition as such.

Prohibition is a disciplinary right of every Diocese for its own protection, and grows out of a corelative right of every Diocese to try its own Clergymen. It cannot be annulled by any act in another Diocese, or set aside except on Canonical grounds, *i, e.*, satisfaction of innocency or acquittal on trial.

The ecclesiastical *status*, then, of the accused after trial and sentence, necessarily by Canon involved two relations of disability. So far as Ohio was concerned, he could not receive "Clean Letters Dimissory," because the Bishop of that Diocese could not certify in the language of the Canon, that he "had not, so far as I know or believe, been justly liable to evil report for error in religion, or viciousness of life, for three years last past."

And so far as Illinois was concerned, he could not officiate, because the Bishop was neither "satisfed of his innocence," nor had he been "acquitted on trial."

These relations of disability are inevitable; they are penal consequences of wrong-doing; they find their analogy in civil courts; and, so long as there are laws, no power on earth can relieve offenders from their operation. The only limitation is time—by Canon law, the space of three years.

The next question of interest is, the refusal of Letters Dimissory in behalf of the accused, by the Bishop of Illinois.

All testimonials under which Clergymen are transferred from one jurisdiction to another, are by Canon termed "Letters Dimissory"; but, as they must set forth the "true standing and character" of the Clergyman transferred, they are necessarily divided into *two classes*. These classes are, for convenience, technically termed "Clean Letters" and "Qualified Letters."

The precise form of a Clean Letter is given in Canon XII, Title I. When the Letter given is in such form, and no other, the Bishop to whom it is presented is, under certain circumstances, accurately set forth in the Canon, obliged to accept; while all other forms—*i. e.*, Qualified Letters—are in the discretion of the Bishop; he may accept or reject them.

The Letter presented in this case was seriously qualified; it was not as the Canon expresses it, "in the form aforesaid," *and therefore clearly and unquestionably in the discretion of the Bishop.*

The Bishop declined acceptance, upon the ground and for the sole reason that it was qualified.

In this he asserted no prerogative, and exercised no authority beyond what the Canon clearly recognized.

Bishop McIlvaine, as in duty bound by Canon, and the surroundings of the case, qualified the Letter; and, in so doing, he was but carrying out the *findings of his own Court*, and making effective his own sentence.

Bishop Whitehouse, in the exercise of a discretion unquestionably guaranteed him, declined its acceptance; and in so doing, was but protecting his own Diocese, without implicating the Bishop of Ohio in his counsels, or deferring to him in independent discretionary action.

There is another point in immediate connection with the foregoing; that is, the imputation by implication and assertion on the part of Ohio, that the Bishop of Illinois, in refusing the Letter, claimed and exercised "revisory powers over the judicial proceedings" of Ohio. The whole relation of this will be best understood by stating the facts historically.

The Bishop of Illinois received three several letters from the Bishop of Ohio, at long intervals in date; but owing to absence from home, at one and the same time:

The first containing a copy of the Proceedings, Sentence, etc.;

The second inquiring whether the Bishop had accepted a certain Letter Dimissory;

The third contained the Letter Dimissory.

The third letter, containing the Letter Dimissory, contrary to the usual rule of courtesy, was sent through the hands of the Rev. Mr. Cracraft, instead of directly to the Bishop of Illinois. This letter Mr. C. retained for some time, and hence it was the third in order.

These three letters the Bishop of Illinois answered at the same time, separately and consecutiveiy, in the same letter.

To the first the Bishop replied that he was "compelled to consider the proceedings in the case of the Standing Committee in the Diocese of Ohio, as evasive of the complaint and offences, and having reasonable question whether the Canon had been properly complied with."

This, it will be observed, was an expression of opinion as to the proceedings in Ohio, and had no reference whatever to the Letter Dimissory. That matter was not then in the Bishop's mind. It was an expression of opinion which Bishop Whitehouse had an undoubted right to make to Bishop McIlvaine, or any other Bishop—a right which all men exercise in reference to the decision of our highest Courts. It involved no claim to review the proceedings, or set them aside.

To the second letter he replied by saying, that, at the time, he had received no Letter Dimissory, but that it had since been presented.

To the third (containing the Letter Dimissory,) he replied by saying, that he declined to receive it, on the ground that, in his "judgment, it was seriously qualified."

The comments made by the Bishop of Illinois upon the "Proceedings, Sentence, etc.," had no reference to the Letter Dimissory, for the subject matter of that Letter was not then before him.

They can in no way be construed as reasons for refusing the Letters, or as claiming "revisory powers."

The only remaining point is the inquiry: What is the present relation of the whole case? In what position does the refusal of Ohio to entertain the presentment made by the Standing Committee of Illinois, March 1st, 1866, for a violation of the "Prohibition," place and leave The Rev. Mr. Cracraft?

Mr. Cracraft is still canonically connected with Ohio; he is presented for violation of a Prohibition imposed upon him Nov. 29th, 1864. Ohio refuses "to proceed against him."

He comes clearly within the scope of Sec. I., Canon 8, Title II., and may be proceeded against in this Diocese, both for violation of the Prohibition since his trial in Ohio, and also for the counts or specifications thrown out and ignored on his former trial, by the Standing Committee of Ohio.

Resolved, That a copy of this report be published in the "American Churchman," of this city, and that all other Church papers be requested to publish the same.

(Signed,)

SAMUEL CHASE,
SIDNEY CORBETT
WARREN H. ROBERTS,
S. H. TREAT,
L. B. OTIS,
} *Committee.*

On motion, the Report and Resolution attached, was received, and unanimously adopted.

The Sunday School Committee presented and read the following report:

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Sunday Schools, appointed at last Convention, respectfully report:

That in following out the resolution passed by the Convention at its last session, and found on p. 39 of Journal of 1865, they have not deemed it necessary, actually to print and distribute the class books there mentioned, in as much as before that time, a specimen copy had been forwarded to every clergyman in the Diocese, requesting their examination and future use (unless deemed objectionable); and that the same have been printed and are for sale at the Church Book Store* in this city, of which special and general notice has been given.

The Committee have received no report from the Clergy as contemplated in, and recommended by that resolution; and therefore are without statistics as to the present status of the Sunday Schools in the Diocese. This is the more to be regretted, as the results of work in that department of christian culture, can only be well understood by a comparison of one year with an other. Two years since a partial report was for the first time obtained, and which might now be deemed a basis for comparison.

The only statements given in the Parochial Reports of last year as shown by the abstract in the Journal are.

	1864.	1865.
No. of Sunday School Teachers	593	593
No. of Sunday School Scholars	4,095	4,309
No. of times of Catechatical Instruction	591	686
No. of Catechumens	1,330	1,702

These figures show a slight increase in number of scholars, while the same abstract shows the fact, that the whole number of families and "individuals not thus included" have decreased nearly 1,000, the number of Church attendants. By the same authority we learn that the whole number of communicants in the Diocese has increased nearly 200.

It is to be regretted that these figures are not accurately correct; we know that they can not be, because there are many Parishes making but a partial report or none at all, while others are brought forward from the previous year; but assuming it as the basis of computation, we arrive at these conclusions:

* Street, Pearson & Co., 101 Washington street, Chicago.

1st. That a *larger* number of the children of Church families are attendants at the Sunday Schools than heretofore; or that more children from other than Church families have been brought within the schools—and

2d. That a larger proportion of Church attendants have advanced in the path of christian duty, and have fully completed their visible unity with the Church, through Confirmation and the reception of the Holy Communion. It is reasonable to suppose that a fair proportion of these new soldiers were taken from the ranks of the Sunday School scholars, and the Committee would fain believe that this good result may be attributed in part to their past labors in bringing the whole subject matter before the Convention. and so inducing more active exertions on the part of the Clergy in this particular.

Full and reliable statistics upon all these points, as required by the new Sunday School class book, now (as is believed) in general use in the Diocese, with such results as can be gleaned from the abstract of the Parochial Reports, would furnish many interesting facts and suggestions for our future guidance and benefit. It is very much to be regretted that the Clergy have so universally neglected to forward them this year, and it is sincerely hoped that the next may show a decided change for the better in this respect. And to effect this result, the Committee respectfully asks the Convention to reiterate its request as contained in the resolution before mentioned; and also, that a Committee on Sunday Schools and Church Education may become one of the regular and perpetual Committees of the body, be properly recognized by the Clergy, and complete and authentic reports annually made to it.

It may not be improper to state in this report, that efforts are making in this city to awaken a greater interest in matters pertaining to the Sunday Schools of the Church. For this purpose there has been organized a Society known as the "Sunday School Union of the P. E. Church in the city of Chicago," and intended to embrace as members, all Clergy, Superintendents, and Teachers of the Sunday Schools therein; among the many objects set forth in its Constitution, are—to induce more active exertions in this branch of Church work; to systematize the details of Sunday School organization and sessions, and herein of grades, classes, and text books; to retain a knowledge of their scholars, when moving from place to place by a system of intercommunication among the officers of the different schools; to induce scholars when of proper age and understanding, to become recipients of the Rite of Confirmation, and avail themselves of the benefit of the Holy Communion; and also to educate teachers as to their great duties and responsibilities, and in aptness in teaching. Should success attend this undertaking, it is hoped that in time it may be extended in its sphere of usefulness to other parts of the Diocese.

The Committee, in advance, now beg the kind indulgence of the Convention in overstepping the strict line of duty; but the subject which they now seek to introduce, being so intimately connected with that of the Sunday School, in fact, but another step in the same direction, they feel that a brief time may not be misspent in bringing the subject matter before this body—they reason

thus: The Sunday School "has become a power in the land," it has drawn out many, very earnest and energetic workers; say the Committee on Christian Education of the General Convention. Through the activity of its friends "it has a Literature of its own, and an importance absolutely fearful, "when we measure its means, with the demands too generally made upon it."* If, then, these one or two hours' sessions on a Sunday, has become such a vast engine for good or for evil, and if the Sunday School interest is too often committed to untried and unskilful, though willing and honest management, as is to be feared, of how much greater importance the subject of *Christian Education* in all its breadth and integrity.

This is the great question of the day and times for the Church to settle. Will she wait and combat error and vice and rationalism in all its thousand forms, when habits have become fixed, the mind biased and perverted, and the character formed? or will she take her proper place and form the habit, direct and mould the character and the modes of thought. Here in the general plan of Christian Education, rightly worked, system takes the place of disorder; merit and aptness to teach, instead of willingness, is the test in those who are to train and mould the intellectual and moral character of our children; and instead of the single hour's instruction and influence of one day in the week, six hours in every six days sees this systematic formation progressing.

In Holy Writ, God has been pleased to style Himself figuratively as a potter moulding the clay, which represents the triune man, soul, mind and body. Desiring to use for purposes of explanation, this somewhat trite and common figure, we reverently change the persons, and premise:

Should the potter leave the plastic clay during its formative process, and another, stranger to the business, and the design, assume the place and with false perception and rude touch leave his impress; then, though the first should return to the bench, where in the finished pottery, would be found, the symmetry of the original design, or the perfection of finish to please the critical eye or the cultivated taste? Or, yet again, should the same plastic material be deserted by the skillful workman when half finished; would not the rapid revolution of the wheel disintegrate the whole mass, and so render into mis-shapen fragments, what might otherwise have become a thing of beauty? So with our children: Like the potter's plastic clay their unformed minds are ready for the moulder's hand, and rightly turned and formed will be a continual well-spring of holy joy and pleasure in a christian household; but let care be taken that he is a skillful potter that moulds them, or mis-shapen moral characters may appear; and look also for a faithful workman, lest he at times leave his work for others to do, or entirely neglect it, and so there be shewn an unsightly mass, a moral wreck, a being in God's image, but destitute of God's Holy Spirit and indwelling Grace:—As is the child, so is the man. God's best blessings may be turned into fearful curses, in the hands of careless and unfaithful stewards; and what so clouds the

* Report of Standing Committee on Christian Education of the General Convention, 1865, p. 6.

lives of parents, and so soon bring down gray hairs with sorrow to the grave, as waywardness, disobedience, irreverence and ungodliness in children—dishonoring his own and his father's name, and causing grief, and shame, and bitter burning tears to those who love him best and suffer most from his wrong doing; and what blessings can compare with that of a well disciplined, obedient, loving, innocent and happy child—"Happy the man that hath his quiver full of them."

This Diocese, (though claiming with just pride Immanuel Hall, and looking with hope to the resuscitation of Jubilee College,) more, perhaps, than any other in the West, is now destitute of Church Schools and distinct Church education for her children, and seems not to be ready for the undertaking to build them up; and so daily, the exodus of scholars is going on to other and more favored Dioceses in this respect; or we try to be satisfied with such advantages as the schools of the State may afford. This is wrong. Our neighboring and sister Diocese, Wisconsin, is making rapid strides in this direction, and is becoming a power in the land; so too Indiana, and Iowa, and Michigan are lifting their heads, and simultaneously calling for means to found schools, and for children to educate in those already founded, while from young but sturdy Minnesota, comes the welcome news, that in addition to her existing institutions the walls are uprearing which shall bear that sweet name, so long and honorably borne by that first and pattern school of all, St. Mary's—the child, the great trial and great comfort, the cross and the crown of the former glorious, and now sainted Bishop of New Jersey. So too New York, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut, and many others are marching forward, while we loiter behind, and lose time so valuable, strength so much needed.

But we speak not now, so much of these higher walks in christian literature; let us first choose humbler paths. Parish schools can be started without great expense; indeed in an humble way, are within reach of very many Parishes; true, failures may and must occur; such is the lot of all human undertakings; but in the end they will succeed, if we faint not; and once a generation of children trained and educated and nurtured in a christian school, and the Church would walk forth with a giant tread. Perhaps in some, even in many cases, the intellectual finish might not show as high polish, but as a much greater offset, the whole education received, would be permeated with the high and ennobling sentiments of God's Holy Religion, which like the single golden thread in the weaver's shuttle, would penetrate warp and woof, and now here, and now there appear, giving tone and richness and beauty to the whole fabric.

Parish schools succeed elsewhere; why should they not here? Have other Dioceses better men, more enthusiastic and earnest Clergy, more wealthy and willing Laity? Let results answer. But this we affirm, that everywhere and at all times, when a Parish Church School is properly organized and managed, there the priest works harder and with a lighter heart; the laity draw closer around him, and give more freely of their time and substance; the children, while receiving their education, learn also their

duty to God and their neighbor, and there the Church plants herself on broad and deep foundations, and from thence radiate in the chances and changes of life, healthy and christian influences, and strong, active and willing hearts, ready to spend and be spent for Christ and His Church.

The Committee confess to an assumption of freedom in thus wandering from the particular line of duty laid out for them, but cannot but feel that as the Sunday School stands at the portal of the temple, so if any suggestions in this report, may serve to lead the minds of christian men a little further along the path, to catch even a glimpse of the glorious light that beams within—their time may not have been mis-spent, and perhaps their simple tribute may have done something for the great cause of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

They submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the house:

Resolved, That this Convention re-affirms its opinions as expressed at the last Diocesan Convention, in relation to the Sunday Schools of the Church; and again requests the Clergy each and all, to make reports annually to the Sunday School Committee, upon the statistics required in the new class book. Said reports to be made as early as September in each year.

Resolved, That the subject of Christian education is one of vital importance to the prosperity not only of the Church, but also of the Nation; that in this Diocese the need and opportunity for Church Schools are great, and demands our warmest interest and hearty endeavors; that in the successful establishment of such schools lies the shortest path for rapid and enduring Church growth and strength—and such interests and endeavors are hereby warmly commended to the favorable consideration of every member of the Church.

THE REV. T. N. BENEDICT,
" " W. H. ROBERTS,
JOHN F. BEATTY,
GEO. P. LEE,
} *Committee.*

On motion, the Report, with accompanying Resolutions, was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported favorably on the resolution touching the services of J. W. Chickering in the late Ecclesiastical Trial.

On motion, the resolution was not concurred in.

The Committee on Church Extension presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION, IN REGARD TO JUBILEE COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, This Convention has heard with great pleasure a report from The Rev. Dr. CHASE, with regard to Jubilee College, together with the reasons for its suspension for the past two or three years; And, *Whereas*, it is the

duty of the Churchmen of this Diocese to sustain the institutions of the same, of which Jubilee is one recognized and approved; And, *Whereas*, a movement is now in progress for its resuscitation, a consummation devoutly to be wished, in order that we may have within the Diocese a school for the education of the sons of the Church, and the preparation, on the ground, of a suited ministry; And, *Whereas*, it appears from the above mentioned document, that there is now resting on the College a debt of $1,600, which must prove a very serious obstacle in the way of its resuscitation and its efficient practical working for the future; Therefore,

Resolved, That the Trustees be requested to appoint an Agent, who shall present the claims of Jubilee College throughout the Diocese.

Resolved, That this Convention entirely approves of the action of the Trustees of the College, in appointing and sending out an Agent, and this Convention heartily commend the appeal of such Agent to the attention and liberality of Churchmen.

Resolved, That a committee of eight—four clergymen and four laymen—be appointed by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to attend the examinations and commencement exercises of the College, representing this Convention, and to report at the next Convention their opinions of what they saw and heard, for such further action as the Convention at that time may deem proper or necessary.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed who shall be a Board of Education for the Diocese, and whose especial duty it shall be to secure and dispose of such funds for the aid of students for the ministry at Jubilee College.

H. N. BISHOP,
D. W. DRESSER,
PHILANDER CHASE,
ALEX. G. TYNG,
D. W. PAGE.

The following communication was presented, and read as part of the Report of the Committee on Church Extension:

MR. PRESIDENT:

Having long been aware of the destitution of Episcopal Churches in the State of Illinois, shown to the Convention yesterday, and in pursuance of a long-cherished plan to aid in supplying this destitution, I will make the following proposition to this Convention: I desire, before I die, to be humbly instrumental in building up one hundred new Episcopal Churches in the State of Illinois. Of course I cannot furnish the necessary funds, nor the tenth part of it, but with the aid of this Convention and its Committee on Missions, I may be able to plant the seeds of one hundred new Churches. My plan is this: Wherever, in addition to the generous promptings of the hearts of Churchmen, or even of unbelievers, (for I hope they will take hold of the matter, if the Church does not,) moved by the Holy Spirit, $100 from outside will secure the building of a church, I purpose to furnish that aid up to the number of one

hundred, if life and means will admit. There will be many matters of detail which cannot be specified here. One condition of the aid must be a home subscription, and at least partial payment of enough to secure the success of the enterprise. Another thing is that I cannot furnish all of this aid in one year, nor will it all be wanted at once; but I will aim to aid five churches in each year, for 20 years, if I live so long; and if the demand requires more haste, perhaps I may be able to keep pace with the demand.

Another thing that will be indispensable to the success of this enterprise, is that the Church furnish the missionaries and the funds to call these Churches into existence.

I believe that the Church is perfectly able to increase its missionary funds and missionary work one hundred fold. If this is done, or even a tenth part of it, all the dark places of our State will soon be ablaze with the light of the Gospel through the labors of the Church. If it is not done, the feeble and scattered rays now sent forth will be in danger of going out in darkness, or at least of being eclipsed by the superior zeal and liberality of other denominations.

One thing more: I do not give my name, both from delicacy and from the fact that I do not want to get a reputation of being a liberal giver. If I accomplish what I have undertaken, and help to support the Gospel in a weak Church at home, I shall be able to do but little for other objects. At least, if I do give more, it will probably be for enterprises of my own originating.

(Signed) A MEMBER OF THE CONVENTION.

The Chairman of the Committee announced, also, that the following gentlemen had pledged the sum of $200 each, to aid in the prosecution of missionary work: A. C. CALKINS, of Christ Church, Chicago; D. W. PAGE, of St. John's Church, Chicago; L. B. OTIS and GEORGE R. CHITTENDEN, of Trinity Church, Chicago; E. H. SHELDON and C. R. LARRABEE, of St. James' Church, Chicago; and A. G. TYNG, of St. Paul's Church, Peoria.

The Resolutions appended to the Report of the Endowment Fund Committee were then read, and, on motion, adopted.

The following additional Resolution, touching the Endowment Fund, was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That for the coming year, and for all coming time, except by a two-thirds vote of this Convention, the gatherings of the Endowment Fund shall be appropriated as follows: One-half towards the missionary and charitable

work of the Diocese, to be expended under the direction of the Missionary Board, and one-quarter shall be invested by the Committee for the permanent endowment of the Diocese, to be securely invested, and the interest only, under any circumstances, to be used, or not, as shall be from time to time designated by a majority of this Convention, one-quarter to be used for the liquidation of the bonded debt of this Diocese.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following Committee on the Endowment Fund was elected by acclamation. Messrs. GEO. R. CHITTENDEN, H. C. RANNEY, R. A. B. MILLS, SAMUEL GEHR, E. H. SHELDON, GEO. P. LEE, D. W. PAGE, and J. J. WHITE.

On motion the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Certain Parishes are indebted by arrearages to the bonded debt of the Diocese: and, *Whereas*, One of the objects of the Endowment Fund is to liquidate the said bonded debt,

Resolved, That whenever, after making certain deductions, any Parish shall have paid, by means of the Endowment Fund or otherwise, a sum equal to the indebtedness of said Parish, the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to receipt in full to the said Parish for its said indebtedness.

On motion it was

Resolved, That a committee of seven laymen, to act in connection with the clergymen of the city of Chicago, be appointed by this Convention, whose duty it shall be to ascertain what need exists in this city for the organization of a church, and the establishment of services, for the colored population of this city; that the committee be requested to take prompt action; and, if a need be found to exist for a Parish, that said committee be requested to use all possible efforts to collect, by subscription or otherwise, in the city, a sufficient sum to purchase or put up a building and establish said services.

Resolved, That this committee consist of George R. Chittenden, J. H. Kedzie, James H. Hoes, Gen. J. N. Stiles, D. W. Page, Samuel Powell and Samuel Gehr.

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee upon that portion of the Bishop's Fourteenth Annual Address, relating to the legislation of the State in 1860-61, touching the interests of the Church, which report is printed in the Convention Journal of 1865, page 35, be approved and the resolution thereto

appended adopted, striking out the typographical error "*fervent*" and inserting the word intended, namely "*present*"—which report and resolution are as follows:

The committee to whom that portion of the Bishop's Address, relating to the legislation of the State in 1860–61, touching the interests of the Church, was referred, beg leave to report:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and find that the whole subject matter was passed upon by the Convention in 1861, and that all efforts to secure the desired legislation at the hands of the State have proved abortive. They therefore recommend the following:

Resolved, That this Convention re-iterates the action in the matter in 1861, and orders the Secretary to insert the same in the pages of the Journal, as the expression of its present wish and determination.

It was further resolved, that the action of the Convention of 1861 in the above matter be printed with said resolution:

Such action was as follows:

EXTRACT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION—pp. 22-24.

"REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 1860.

"The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the Act passed by the Legislature of this State in the winter of 1860–61, and approved February 21st, 1861, report:

"Your Committee have examined the Act referred to, and find it purporting to be an Act, amendatory of the Act obtained in 1849, which incorporated the Trustees of the Diocese, and also purporting to repeal the Act of 1853, under which the Bishop of the Diocese is empowered to hold property for Church and Educational purposes.

"Your Committee also find, that the Act, so far as it is amendatory of that of 1849, confers certain additional powers upon the Trustees, and impose upon them duties, not contemplated by, or coming within the scope and purpose of the original Act, the assumption and exercise of which by the Trustees would, in all probability, jeopardize a large amount of Church property in the Diocese, by confusing the chain of Title, and placing its stewardship in a body, not only liable to change by an annual election, but, by its very constitution, wholly incompetent to administer such interests without a permanent and salaried officer.

"Your Committee furthermore find, that the Act in repealing the Act of 1852, would in its operation wrest from the Bishop of the Diocese rights and immunities which every Bishop possesses by the virtue of his office, and which in this instance, have been civilly secured to our Diocesan in the Act sought to be repealed; and of which rights and privileges he ought not, and could not be divested by any mere legislative action.

"In view of these facts your Committee cannot but regard the Act of 1861 not only as contrary to the interests and well-being of the Church in this Diocese, but as unconstitutional and void.

"There is one feature in connection with the passage of this Act upon which your Committee find themselves called upon to animadvert in unmis-

takable and decided disapproval; and that is, that the Act in question was procured not only without the sanction of this body, or any other duly constituted authority having power to ask for such or similar legislation at the hands of the State, but without the knowledge, and irrespective of the wishes of the Diocese expressed or implied.

"Under these circumstances your Committee recommend the adoption by this Convention of the following:

"*Whereas*, the aforesaid Act, approved February 21st, 1861, was procured without the sanction of this Body, or the knowledge of any considerable portion of the Diocese, and is in many of its provisions detrimental to the interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church;

"And, *Whereas*, a grave question exists as to its constitutionality or validity for the purposes therein set forth; therefore

"*Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese be advised to regard the said Act, so far as it relates to himself, as unconstitutional and void; and the Bishop is hereby assured that in so doing he will be sustained by this Convention and the Diocese.

"That the "Trustees of the Diocese" be, and hereby are, instructed not to assume the powers, or exercise the duties, so conveyed and set forth in the said Act of 1861, but confine themselves to the Act of 1849.

"That the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese be, and are hereby, appointed a Committee of this Body, with instructions to memoralize the Legislature of this State to restore to their original provisions the aforesaid Acts of 1849 and 1853, and to repeal the Act of 1861.

"SAMUEL CHASE,
"T. N. BENEDICT,
"L. B. OTIS,
"FREDERICK STAHL,
"A. CAMPBELL.

"On motion, the preamble and resolutions appended to the above report, were adopted."

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rt. Rev. H. W. Lee, Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa, and the Rt. Rev. Joseph C. Talbot, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Indiana, for their kind and cheerful compliance with the request of our respected Bishop to perform Episcopal service, during his absence.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate their self-sacrificing efforts and labors to perform the arduous duties thus imposed on them.

Resolved, That we bear our evidence to the great satisfaction with which their respective visitations have been received by our Parishes.

Resolved. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Bishop Lee and Bishop Talbot by the Secretary.

On motion, it was resolved as follows:

Resolved, That every Clergyman in this Diocese give one Sunday in every quarter to Diocesan Missions, at the request of the Bishop, to visit such points as he may direct.

In accordance with the resolutions appended to the Report of the Church Extension Committee, regarding Jubilee College, the following were appointed a Committee to attend the College Examination and Commencement:

The Rev. W. H. ROBERTS, The Rev. T. N. MORRISON, D.D., The Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D.D., The Rev. SIDNEY CORBETT, B.D., and Messrs. J. H. KEDZIE, E. H. SHELDON, GEORGE GARDNER, and J. H. TREAT.

In the same connection, the following were appointed a Board of Education:

The Rev. S. CHASE, D.D., The Rev. H. N. BISHOP, D.D., The Rev. E. C. PORTER, Mr. E. H. SHELDON and Mr. H. W. HINSDALE.

A ballot was then taken for Deputies to the General Convention.

Pending the result of the ballot, the President announced the following as members of the Sunday School Committee:

The Rev. W. H. ROBERTS, The Rev. SIDNEY CORBETT, B.D., The Rev. H. W. BEERS, Mr. GEORGE P. LEE, and Mr. S. C. JUDD.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected Trustees of the Diocese:

The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., The Rev. SIDNEY CORBETT, B. D., Mr. GEORGE P. LEE, Mr. J. H. KEDZIE, and Mr. GEO. R. Chittenden.

A similar motion prevailed with reference to the election of a Trustee for Jubilee College, when the Rev. W. H. ROBERTS, was elected by acclamation.

On motion, the ballot was suspended, and The Rev. W. F. B. JACKSON was elected by acclamation, Trustee of the General Theological Seminary.

The following was proposed, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the great cause of Catholic Unity is one dear to the hearts of the members of this Convention, and they are proud to think that their absent head has been able so greatly to advance its interests. Surely no Churchman can view with indifference the signs of the times in this matter of the intercommunion of the branches of the Church Catholic. It has our prayers and our sympathies, and, as our Bishop has truly remarked, no part of the Church is so well circumstanced to favor it as our own. We share in the honors which these high officers of our foreign sister Churches have heaped upon our Bishop, and, greatly as we desire his presence among us, we would cheerfully yield our wishes to the good of the Church, and, if by remaining longer, he can, in his estimation, still further benefit the cause of the Church Universal, he has not only our assent, but our entreaty that he will do so.

The Inspectors of Election for Deputies to General Convention then reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,	Mr. George P. Lee,
" " Warren H. Roberts,	" L. B. Otis,
" " Clinton Locke.	

One Clerical and two Lay Deputies remaining to be elected, the Convention immediately proceeded to ballot for the same.

Pending the ballot, the following report was presented and read:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report have examined the same, and find it to be correct.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourn finally, that it stand adjourned subject to be called together again by the Bishop in this place, at such time as he may designate, in case he shall consider the re-assembling of the Convention desirable.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be and are hereby tendered to the Committee on the Reception and Entertainment of Delegates, for their kind and unwearied attentions; and to the Churchmen of this city for their hospitalities.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to The Rev. Dr. Chase for the most faithful and perfectly satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of President of this Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That twenty dollars be appropriated to the Sexton of the Cathedral, for his faithful services to the Convention.

The following resolutions were read, and on motion were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that it is the duty of the Diocese to provide a residence for the Bishop.

Resolved, That a Committee of five Laymen be appointed to confer with the Bishop, and report to the next Convention.

The following were appointed a Committee in accordance with the above: Messrs. E. H. SHELDON, G. R. CHITTENDEN, GEO. P. LEE, H. W. HINSDALE and A. C. CALKINS.

The following communication was presented and read, and on motion, the Secretary was desired to tender the thanks of the Convention to the Chicago Historical Society for their courtesy.

CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ROOMS,
September 12th, 1866.

To REV. CHAS. A. GILBERT, *Secretary Convention, Diocese of Illinois:*

REV. AND DEAR SIR:—The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church, now in Convention in this city are individually and respectfully invited

to visit and use the Historical Society's Library Rooms, any day, from 8½ A. M. to 6o'clock P. M., at N. W. corner North Wells and Kinzie Streets.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

THOMAS H. ARMSTRONG,
Sec'y and Librarian, Chicago Historical Society.

The Inspectors of Election for Deputies to General Convention then reported that the ballot resulted in no election.

On motion, the ballot was suspended, and the remaining Delegates were elected by acclamation: The Rev. SIDNEY CORBETT, Mr. D. W. PAGE and Mr. S. H. TREAT.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the balance of the Endowment Fund, about $700, be and is hereby appropriated to the payment of the arrears of the Treasury of the Diocese.

The following resolution was read and received, and on motion, was referred to next Convention:

WHEREAS, This Diocese is, for the fifth time in Convention assembled, in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul: and *Whereas*, The Cathedral system has been and is now being adopted by the Church at large, and is in the opinion of this body eminently adapted to the wants of the Church in the United States of America; Therefore

Resolved, That this Convention hereby tenders to the Bishop of the Diocese its congratulations on the successful establishment of this, the first Cathedral in the United States.

Resolved, That the Bishop be and is hereby requested, when by him deemed expedient, to enlarge and develope into actual practice, those ideas which he may deem inherent to the well working of the system and adapted to the exigencies of the Church in this country, and submit the same for action by this body.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That after the usual religious exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The President then made a closing address, the *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung by the Convention, and, after prayers and Benediction by the President, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

SAMUEL CHASE,
President of the Convention.

J. HARRIS KNOWLES,
Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer of the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois presents the following as his Report for the Conventional year 1865–6, as appears by his books and accounts upon the first day of September instant:

Expenses of the Diocese have been—

Episcopal Salary		$2,000 00
Missionary stipends appropriated by the Board of Missions (with such difference in amounts as resignations and changes of place have caused,)—		
Four stipends of $200 00 each	$800 00	
Five " " $150 00 "	750 00	
Two " " $66 70 "	133 40	
One " part of year, $150 per annum	83 30	
		1,766 70
CONTINGENT EXPENSES.		
Annual interest due, 1st July, H. J. Whitehouse on bonded debt—6 per cent.—on $7,232.14, 1st July, 1865, to October 1st, 1865	$108 48	
Ditto, on $5,626.40, balance of bonded debt, 1st October, 1865, to 1st July, 1866	253 19	
	361 67	
Printing Journal 1864–5, $437.21. Interest on same, 6 per cent., $14.87	452 08	
Diocesan assessment for expenses of General Convention, 86 Clergymen, (at rate of $3.00 each,)	258 00	
Rev. C. A. Gilbert, for services as Secretary of Convention	150 00	
Wm. Cundel, Sexton Cathedral, for services	20 00	
Sundry bills—Printing, Stationery, Postage and Express	121 05	
		1,362 80
Carried forward		$5,129 50

Brought forward		$5,129 50
To which should be added amounts owing by last Convention, as per page 51 Conv. Journal 1864–5:		
S. P. Rounds, balance Printing	$369 17	
In Hagar Trial	158 90	
Unpaid stipends of 1864–5	778 13	
Accrued interest then due H. J. Whitehouse on bonded debt	694 26	
		2,000 46
Showing floating debt to be		7,129 96
Then add the bonded debt		7,232 14
And the whole indebtedness to make provision for is		$14,362 10

The income has been as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

General assessment 1863–4	$ 27 50
" " 1864–5	475 85
Special " "	73 00
General " 1865–6	1,739 93
	2,315 78
Deficiency, or pledged fund, at last Convention	1,047 28

MISSIONARY FUND.

Collections	$1,734 86
Balance on hand, 1st September, 1865	73 77
	$1,808 63

CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance 1st September, 1865	$56 86

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Balance on hand 1st September, 1865	$2,447 10	
Now add, for full statement, net receipts from Endowment Fund, as per report of that Committee	862 96	
Making total receipts		8,538 56
And showing deficit of		$5,823 54
Aside from bonded debt, the following statement shows the current financial condition, indebtedness and appropriations for 1865–6, as per statement in detail heretofore		7,129 96
Carried forward		$7,129 96

Brought forward		$7,129 96
Receipts, as above stated	7,675 60	
Less Endowment fund, receipts of 1864–5	2,447 10	
		5,228 50
Leaving deficit of		1,901 46
As in last year's report, so in this—a portion of this deficiency may legally be set aside, being the stipends of Missionaries for current year, unpaid for want of contributions from the respective parishes, sufficient for the full payment of the stipends, added to the appropriations made last year. The amount thus unpaid is	252 52	
Or about 15 per cent., which deducted—		252 52
Leaves deficiency of		$1,648 94

It may well be questioned, however, if the Convention has the legal right (if inclined to use it,) of ignoring this debt, (payment of stipends,) inasmuch as it appropriated, at last Convention, Missionary Collections, to some extent, in payment of other debts, of which a statement will be made hereafter.

The money received has been applied as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

Toward payment of floating indebtedness, as per vote of last Convention	$507 25
Toward payment of Episcopal salary	1,561 98
Applied upon contingent fund, 10 per cent.	173 55
In all amounting to	$2,242 78

And exhausting the receipts of this fund, except receipts upon special assessment 1864–5, which was raised for another and specific purpose.

MISSIONARY FUND.

Appropriated by last Convention, (and so applied,) in payment of deficiencies existing last year	$278 03
Paid stipends of 1865–6 in part, and amounting to about 85 per cent. of same	1,489 19
Total	$1,767 22

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Paid Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, on account of accrued simple interest, at 6 per cent., on bonded debt, to 1st July 1865	$694 26	
Paid to same on account of principal of said debt	1,605 74	
	$2,300 00	

CONTINGENT FUND.

Paid printing Journal 1865–6	$452 08	
" Diocesan assessment to General Convention	258 00	
" On debts recognized by last Convention and ordered paid	1,977 71	
" Secretary of Convention	150 00	
" Various bills—Postage, Stationery, Express charges, Sexton, &c	167 72	
Total paid	$2,105 51	

And leaving balance on hand as follows:

Missionary Fund	$41 41	
Endowment "	147 10	
Contingent "	80 41	
		$218 92

It will be remembered that, at the last Convention, appropriation was atttempted to be made for the payment of certain debts then existing, and to make provision for other certain debts to accrue during the then succeeding year. This indebtedness, after correcting the estimates then made for General Convention expenses, and printing Journal of 1864–5, amounted to $2,176.19, and was made up as follows:

Stipends, including Rev's. Messrs. Cooper and Saye,	$943 13	
Assessors	153 90	
Journal printing 1864–5, (including iterest 14.87,)	451 99	
" " 1862–3 and 1863–4, balance due	869 17	
General Convention	258 00	

The fund received for this purpose was derived from the following sources:

Amount Diocesan Fund received from 1st to 15th Sept.	$507 25	
" Missionary " " " " "	278 03	
" Pledged " " " " "	1,047 23	
Total		$1,832 51

I have paid in full the General Convention expenses due from this Diocese,—and, also, for printing the Journal of 1864-5,—the first from necessity, the last upon grounds of expediency. The remainder of the debt has received a pro-rata payment of 75 per cent., and has thus exhausted the fund, paying, in all, $1,814.46, and having in hand a little remaining balance.

The Pledged Fund amounted to $1,022.00. As instructed by Convention, I notified every Parish, not already pledged, of this action of the body, and solicited their coöperation; favorable responses were received from seven Parishes, remitting $59.43, (and these, with one exception, are among the weaker congregations in the Diocese). Two Parishes overpaid their pledges, two underpaid, and one failed entirely.

The financial affairs of the Diocese have not materially changed from last year; we were then deficient in funds to meet our obligations, and are so again at this time.

This state of affairs cannot be charged to the poverty of the Parishes, so much as inattention to the requirements of the canons, and the general laxity which seems to pervade the minds of Churchmen, Clergy and Laity, regarding the Diocesan wants and requirements. This inattention and indifference appear to be increasing, notwithstanding the somewhat systematic and persistent efforts which have been made during the past year, to bring the situation prominently before the Clergy and their congregations.

The receipts are regular in time from but very few parishes, and have been as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.						MISSIONARY FUND.					
First quarter,	4	Parishes,	$	86	60	First quarter,	17	Parishes,	$811	21	
Second "	11	"		203	08	Second "	19	"	202	01	
Third "	7	"		88	75	Third "	31	"	526	11	
Fourth "	28	"	1,411	50		Fourth "	40	"	695	33	

The last two remittances upon Missionary Fund, were stimulated and increased by a circular appeal from the Missionary Board. The last Diocesan remittance was apparently compelled by the compulsory provision of the canon; three-fourths of the year passed, and the Missionaries had received but 40 per cent, of their stipends. The whole year, to 1st of August, passed, and the Bishop had received but 10 per cent. of his salary. Such action is most unkind and unjust, to all the parties concerned, and has, undoubtedly, caused actual suffering to the persons and families of some.

The Pledged Fund was also to be paid on or before the 1st of January last, and yet, payments upon the same, and that no inconsiderable portion of the whole amount, have been received during the month of August last past; real acute suffering was sustained by some of the beneficiaries during the past winter, in consequence of this delay. Mention of this is made, in the hope of showing some of the effects of general procrastination in meeting engagements.

The whole matter of payments, as to times and amounts, demands the careful and patient attention of this Convention. The payment of the Bonded Debt, now past due, and the increase of Missionary Stipends, alike call for immediate and thorough action.

There are, evidently, quite a considerable number of Parishes unable, or unwilling, either to pay the assessments made annually against them, or to contribute to the Missionary Fund. At last Convention, the sum of $1,386.45 was remitted, either by actual vote of the Convention, or because the parishes were in fact extinct; a list is subjoined. It seems useless to continue assessments against them which will never probably be paid, and yet, such must be the action, and the result, until Convention shall act in the matter.

The following amounts are now due upon past assessments: 1862–3, $149.00; 1863–4, $119.65; Special of 1864,

$64.00; 1864–5, $95.39; Pledged of 1865, $50.10; 1865–6 $2,072.07; Total, $2,550.21. Were these sums promptly paid, our financial status would be materially changed. A list of delinquent Parishes is attached.

The attention of Convention is earnestly called to the unpaid Stipends of 1864–5 and 1865–6, and also to the balance due in this city for printing the Journals. The first is intimately connected with our Missionary work, and, unless corrected, bids fair to extinguish all effort in that direction of Church work and extension. The latter appeals to every sense of honor and honesty to pay our just debts.

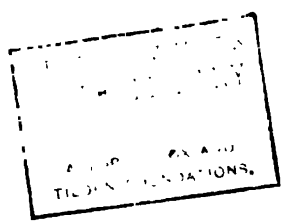
The floating debt now due from the Diocese, and demanding provision at this time, is:

Balance of appropriation of 1864–5, as follows:

Stipends 1864–5, balance, (being 25 per cent. of same)	$249 95	
S. P. Rounds, balance printing Journal	92 89	
Assessors—W. M. Steel, $14.89, L. P. Clover, $13.34,	28 23	
		$370 57
Stipends of 1865–6, balance, (being 15 per cent of same.)		252 52
Episcopal salary, balance due H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., on salary 1865–6		$488 02
Interest on bonded debt		361 47
Estimate printing Journal		450 00
		$1,872 58
Without stipends { $249.95 / $252.25 $502 47	$1,370 11	

The amount of funds is—

Balance Missionary Fund	$41 41		
" Contingent "	30 41		
		71 82	71 82
		$1,298 29	$1,800 76



CANON VIII.

OF PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION AND INCORPORATIONS.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any number of persons not less than twelve, males of full age, friendly to the Episcopal Church, and desirous of concentrating their endeavors, to associate and organize themselves as a Parish in the following manner:

I. Notice shall first be given to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee, of the intention thus to associate and organize. Said notice shall be in writing, and contain such information in the premises, as may enable the Bishop to judge of the propriety of the act, which paper shall be signed by the persons respectively, who propose to organize. If the Bishop approve of the proposed organization, he shall give a written certificate to that effect, which approval shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Convention with the other papers, and the approval of the Bishop of the organization be essential for the admission of the Parish into union with the Convention. The notice to the Bishop shall contain the following Article: "We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply sensible of the truth of the Christian Religion, and earnestly desirous of promoting its holy influences in our own hearts, and in those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of ———, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Diocese of Illinois, the authority of whose Constitution and Canons we do hereby recognize, and to whose Liturgy and mode of Worship and Discipline we promise conformity."

On the approval by the Bishop, or in the event of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the President of the Standing Committee, of the proposed organization, the proceedings shall be as follows:

1. Notice shall be given, on some occasion of public Morning Service, at least two weeks previous to the time of meeting, that the persons belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, or desirous of uniting with the same, will meet at a time and place specified, for the purpose of incorporating themselves, adopting a constitution for the Parish, and electing the requisite number of wardens and vestrymen. This notice shall be given by the Clergyman, if there be one, and if not, by some neighboring Clergyman, invited to hold secvice, and give the notice, and also preside on the occasion of the meeting for organization.

2. At the time of the meeting, the Clergyman, as aforesaid, shall preside; a Secretary shall be appointed; a book provided for the minutes, in which should be first entered the names of the persons who attend, and are qualified to vote, and a record made of all papers and action, previously had, in reference to the association and organization.

3. A Constitution for the Parish shall then be adopted according to the prescribed form:

See "CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS," p. 23.

4. All the provisions of the statute for religious incorporations of the State of Illinois, and of any Canon of the General Convention, shall be strictly followed and observed, and all the acknowledgments or record, thereby required, be duly made, and the whole proceedings of the meeting be certified by its Presiding Officer and Secretary.

5. The application for admission into union with the Convention of the Diocese shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention at least one month before the meeting of the annual Convention, which application shall be accompanied with a copy of the minutes duly certified, and of all the other papers, the certificate of the Bishop, approving of the organization, and the proof of record or other acts required by the statute. *Provided*, however, that such Parish shall have at least six communicants to entitle it to representation in the Convention.

DIRECTIONS.

PRELIMINARY.

1. For Parochial Association there must be at least twelve persons of full age friendly to the Episcopal Church. Sec. 1.

NOTICE TO THE BISHOP AND APPROVAL.

1. Notice must be first given to the Bishop of the intention thus to associate.

2. The notice to the Bishop must contain the Article beginning—"We whose names"—to—"promise conformity."

3. This notice in writing must "contain such information in the premises as may enable the Bishop to judge of the propriety of the act."

4. The Bishop, if he approves, will then give a written Certificate to that effect, and this Certificate is initiatory and fundamental for the admission of the Parish into union with the Convention.

PROCEEDINGS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE BISHOP'S APPROVAL.

1. Notice on some occasion of public morning service at least two weeks previous, in the words and tenor of sub-section 1.

2. Notice must be by a Clergyman.

3. The same Clergyman must preside at the meeting for organization.

THE MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION.

1. Clergyman, as aforesaid, must preside.

2. Secretary be appointed.

3. A Book provided for the Minutes.

4. The entry first made of all persons who attend and are qualified to vote.

5. A record must be made in order of all papers and action previously held. This will include necessarily:

1. The notice to the Bishop.

2. His approval.

3. The papers or action collateral.

6. A Constitution for the Parish must be there adopted as prescribed in form in Canon VIII, p. 23, of the Diocese of Illinois.

7. Steps must be taken to incorporate legally under "the Statute for Religious Incorporation of the State." Also, of any Canon of the General Convention. Those having reference might be, Tit. I, Canon 12, § VI, [2]. Tit. III, Canon 5, § 5, I, II.

All acknowledgments and record must be duly made.

8. Proceedings of meeting certified by the Presiding Officer and Secretary.

APPLICATION FOR UNION WITH THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

1. Application must be forwarded to the Secretary at least one month before the Annual Convention.

2. Accompanied by a copy of minutes duly certified.

3. All other papers embraced, viz :

1. Notice to the Bishop.
2. Certificate from Bishop.
3. Proof of public notice and its due form.
4. The minutes of meeting.
5. The Constitution as prescribed.
6. Proof of legal incorporation, of acknowledgment an record.
7. Certificate that Parish contains at least six communicants.

If the minutes have been fully and properly kept, and papers transcribed in order, the above will require little more than the certified copy of the minutes themselves.

PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1866.

The various statistics contained in the Reports, will be found at one view in the Tabular Statement at the end.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS.

Reports from Parishes	69
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Whole number of Reports	76

The comparative inspection of the Table of this year and of the last, will give the following results:

	1865.	1866.
Baptisms—Infants	979	746
Adults	203	169
Total	1,182	915
Communicants—Admitted	442	415
Received	304	301
Removed	313	343
Died	61	46
Whole Number	3,854	3,452
Marriages	256	278
Burials	465	345
Confirmations	585	484
Sunday Schools—Teachers	593	586
Scholars	4,309	4,150
Contributions, whole amount	$131,332.02	$81,199.21

The above comparison gives a very imperfect representation of the real condition of the Diocese. The statistics of this year are by no means full, *nineteen Parishes* having neglected to make any report of Parochial work.

The Parishes which have been thus remiss are as follows:

Alton, Aurora, Brimfield, Cairo, Centralia, Clay City, Geneseo, Gillespie, Limestone, Manhattan, Ottawa, Quincy, Rock Island Co., Shelbyville, Tuscola, Utica.

Albion, St. John's. . . . The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins.

Church Wardens—Bryan Walker, William B. Tribe.

Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Marriages, 4. Burials, 8. Communicants—Admitted, 1; removed 4; died, 1; present number, 80.

Sunday School—Teachers: female, 7; total, 7. Scholars: male, 36; female, 34; total, 70.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 80; other days, 4.

Holy Communion—Public, 17; private, 1. Alms, $19.85.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $15.80. Diocesan Fund: amount assessed, —; amount paid, $15.00. Aged and infirm Clergymen, $3.00.

Algonquin, St. John's. . . . The Rev. Peter Arvedson.

Church Wardens—James Kee, William Estegren.

Families, 11; individuals not thus included, 3; total of souls, 38.

Baptisms—Infants, 5; total, 5. Marriages, 3. Communicants—Present number, 10.

Sunday School—Teachers: female, 4; total, 4. Scholars: male, 8; female, 12; total, 20.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 98; other days, 11.

Holy Communion—Public, 1; private, 1. Alms, $7.33.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $7.28; foreign, $1.95. Diocesan Fund: amount assessed, $10; amount paid, $10. Aged and infirm Clergymen, $1.65. Parish purposes: collection, $3.43; pew rent, $205. Other Church offerings: Freedmen's Commission, $5.83.

Since the last report, the Church building has been finished, and occupied every Lord's day with a very few exceptions; a debt of about $1000 is still acting as a drawback on its prosperity. The pew rents the past year have been used to furnish carpets, lamps, stoves, and to pay towards the principal and interest on the Church debt. We are still without Bell, Melodeon, Altar Furniture and Font. The Sunday School is in rather a disorganized condition for want of a suitable person for Superintendent, and also a want of regular teachers. The Missionary regrets that he has no increase of communicants to report. The Missionary has claimed no salary, depends upon the labor of

his hands, the Missonary Stipend, and voluntary contributions for the support of himself and family. From the last source he has received the past year about $130, including contributions from two members of Trinity Church, Rutland, Vermont. An increase of membership is hopefully looked for at the next Episcopal visitation.

Amboy, St. Thomas'. . . The Rev. Robert Trewartha.

Church Warden—B. H. Truesdell, Esq.

Families, 8; total of souls, 24.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1.
Communicants, 9.

The parishioners continue to make St. Paul's, Lee Centre, their Parish Church. But they still hold to the anchor (hope) that before long they will have a Church of their own. My prayer is, that God may speed the work.

Arcola, Christ. . . The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.

Families, 12; total of souls, 50.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; total, 5. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 4; died, 1; present number, 33.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 8.
Holy Communion—Public, 1. Alms, $8.
Contributions—Domestic, $3.

There is more interest manifest in the work of the Church than formerly.

Belvidere, Trinity. . . . The Rev. W. H. Cooper.

Church Wardens—Nijah Hotchkiss, Jabez Fitch.

Families, 38; individuals not thus included, 11; total of souls, 179.

Baptisms—Infants, 13; adults, 1; total, 14. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10.

Communicants—Admitted, 7; removed and dropped, 3; died, 2; present number, 38.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 5; total, 7. Scholars: Male, 17; female, 25; total, 42. Bible Class—Adults, 10.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 104; catechumens, the School and Bible Class.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 132; other days, 8.
Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 1. Alms, $14.30.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $16.55. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $31; amount paid, $31. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $4. Parish purposes, $300.69.

The undersigned, although in failing health, besides the regular morning and evening services in Belvidere, has held an afternoon Sunday service for the last seven months at Cherry Valley, and at Shattuck's Grove a monthly service. The support, however, is so meagre from those points, and the Parish at Belvidere is still so weak the undersigned feels that unless Missionary aid be afforded, he must, though reluctantly, be compelled to withdraw from this field of labor.

Bement, Atonement. . . The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.

Families, 5; total of souls, 15.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 10; present number, 13.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 28.
Holy Communion—Public, 2. Alms, $5.40.
Contributions—Domestic, $5.40. Parishes purposes, $35.

The removal of so many communicants has had a serious effect. We trust the service will be sustained. There are some very interesting persons waiting to receive Confirmation.

Bloomington, St Matthew's. . The Rev. Charles Stewart.

Church Wardens—Goodman Ferre, William Ollis.

Families, 62; total of souls, 200.
Baptisms—Infants, 22; adults, 4; total, 26. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Received, 12; died, 3; present number, 58.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; female, 15; total, 19. Scholars: Total, 180.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 4.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 46; other days, 4.
Holy Communion—Public, 4.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $30. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $64; amount paid, $64.

I entered upon my duties as Rector of this Parish in April last. The Parochial report is only for the last five months. We rejoice to be able to

state, (under God's blessing,) that the Parish appears to be in a very promising state; steadily increasing in numbers and strength.

We expect to be able to report by next Convention, that our Parish property, consisting of Church and Rectory, will be entirely free from debt.

Carlinville, St. Paul's. . . The Rev. D. W. Dresser.

Church Wardens—M. H. Head, William N. Dorsett.

Families, 16; individuals not thus included, 14; total of souls, 55.

Baptisms—Infants, 4; total, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.

Communicants—Admitted, 1; received, 1; removed, 1; died, 1; present number, 18.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; female, 4; total, 7. Scholars: Male, 15; female, 20; total, 35.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 40.

Holy Communion—Public, 6.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $12.85; Domestic, $9.70. Parish purposes, $1,875.79. Endowment Fund, $31.20.

The minister always catechises the Sunday School children, when present in town, (on the alternate Sundays,) and instructs them to the best of his ability. Otherwise there is no catechetical instruction.

The new Church has been opened during the past year; and the prospects are very good for a flourishing Parish, if another minister can be soon procured. The present incumbent leaves for another field in October.

Chester, St. Mark's. . . . William Mitchell, M. D.

Church Wardens—R. B. Servant, William R. Marlin.

Families, 25; individuals not thus included, 45; total of souls, about 100.

Baptisms—Infants, 11; adults, 1; total, 12. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4.

Communicants—Admitted, 1; received, 1; removed, 4; present number, 30.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; female, 5; total, 6. Scholars: Male, 24; female, 23; total, 47.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 8; catechumens, 15.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 45; other days, 3.

Holy Communion—Public, 9; private, 3.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $20; Domestic, $5. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $30; amount paid, $30. Parish purposes, $425. Other Church offerings, $55.

The many changes, added to the sickness and debility of the Rector during the past year, accounts for the small amount of ministerial work in our Parish. He officiated out of the Parish, at Duquoin, twice, to respectable congregations and good responses, morning and evening, in the New School Presbyterian Church, kindly loaned to us for the entire day, July 29, 1866.

Chesterfield, St. Peter's, . . The Rev. D. W. Dresser.

Church Warden—Capt. Thos. S. Gelder.

Families, 18; individuals not thus included, 6; total of souls, 60.

Baptisms—Infants, 5; total, 5. Marriages, 1, Burials, 4.

Communicants—Admitted, 1; removed, 1; present number, 12.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 4; total, 6. Scholars: Male, 15; female, 20; total, 35.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 48; other days, 12.

Holy Communion—Public, 6.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $7.55; Domestic, $4.90. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $12; amount paid, $12; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $4.05. Parish purposes, $11.90. Other Church offerings, $36.40.

The minister always attends the Sunday Schools when possible, and catechises or otherwise instructs the children. Beyond this, there is no catechetical instruction.

Chicago, St. Ansgarius, . . The Rev. Jacob Bredberg.

Church Wardens—John Shonbeck, Hans Jensen.

Families, 52; individuals not thus included, 92; total of souls, 327.

Baptisms—Infants, 26; total, 26. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 20. Burials, 15.

Communicants—Admitted, 16; received, 24; removed, 15; died, 2; present number, 184.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; female, 5; total, 8. Scholars: Male, 15; female, 15; total, 30.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 50.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 53; other days, 21.

Holy Communion—Public, 4; private, 8.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $12.80, Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $161; amount paid, $33.40.

Chicago, Ascension, . . . The Rev. Hiram W. Beers.

Church Wardens—Samuel Gehr, J. H. Batten.

Families, 95; individuals not thus included, 100; total of souls; 450.

Baptisms—Infants, 17; adults, 5; total, 22. Confirmed, 30; Marriages, 6; Burials, 15.

Communicants—Died, 1; present number, 100.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; female, 11; total, 19. Scholars Male, 73; female, 95; total, 168.

Holy Communion—Public, 15; private, 8. Alms, $175.

Contributions—Mission: Diocesan, $77.68; deficiency pledge, $80.00. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $75.00; amount paid, $75.00. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $20.06.

Parish Purposes:		Other Church Offerings:	
Pew Rents, etc	$2,753.77	St. Luke's Hospital	$41.30
Bishop's Chair	146 50	Church Book Society	80.00
Cushions	186.00	Aid to other Parishes	40.00
Carpets	125.00		
Church Site Fund	637.50		$111.30
	$3,843.77		

While the Rector was present, Divine Service was celebrated twice on all Sundays, once every Friday, once each Holy Day and Saints Day. Two extra services each week in Lent and every day during Passion week. The Parish is prospering.

During the Rector's absence, on account of death, through the kindness of the city Clergy, and especially that of The Rev. H. H. Cole of St. Luke's Church, the usual services have been held twice every Sunday, and once every Friday. SAMUEL GEHR, *Senior Warden.*

Chicago, Atonement, . . . The Rev. S. Russell Jones.

Church Wardens—Reuben Taylor, James J. White.

Families, 40.

Baptisms—Infants, 12; adults, 5; total, 17. Marriages, 7. Burials, 11.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; female, 6; total, 10. Scholars: Male, 32; female, 60; total, 92.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 35.

Holy Communion—Private, 5.

Contributions—Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $15; amount paid, $15.

The services of this church, after being suspended for over three years were resumed on Whitsunday. The intention was to have commenced them

nearly one year ago, but as no building could be procured in which to hold services in the desired locality, it was impossible to do so. About the first of May the Rector purchased a building of the Presbyterians, and soon after commenced, services without the certainty of the support of more than three families. But he soon received the most flattering encouragement, notwithstanding the very inconvenient hour at which the services have been held (4½ P. M.) as full control of the building could not be had until the 1st of October. The attendance has been uniformly good, with a weekly increase of the congregations and it is now certain that the building in which we are worshiping will not afford sufficient accommodations when regular morning and evening service, are had.

The building purchased has been put on the rear of lots leased by the congregation for forty years, on the Northeast corner of West Washington and Robey streets, and will be used for a Parochial School house when the new Church is built. The Parish is and will be self supporting. The Parish will be in full working order after the 1st of October. The Rector feels that the prospects are as flattering as could reasonably be desired.

Chicago, Christ, . . . The Rev. Chas. Edw'd. Cheney.

Church Wardens—Allen C. Calkins, George A. Sacket.

Families, 180; individuals not thus included, 40; total of souls, about 900.

Baptisms—Infants, 11; adults, 7; total, 18. Confirmed, 28. Marriages, 15. Burials, 11.

Communicants—Admitted, 28; received, 45; removed, 21; present number, 130.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; female, 24; total, 32. Scholars: Male, 120; female, 130; total, 250.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number of times, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 98; other days, 32.

Holy Communion—Public, 13. Alms, $207.57.

Contributions—Mission: Diocesan, $25.30; Domestic, $74.71. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $84; amount paid, $84. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $40.50. Parish Purposes, $5,549.89. Other Church Offerings: Freed Aid Commission, $57. Episcopal Services, $35. Total amount of collection for all objects, $5,967.40.

Since the last Convention we have entered upon our work in a new and permanent Church, completed at a cost of about $50,000. Our congregation having increased its accommodations for public worship has almost quadrupled in numbers. Our Lenten services were greatly blessed by the influences of the Spirit, and two Confirmations have been held by Bishop Lee, at which valuable additions have been made to the Church. The state of the Parish is, we trust, every way prosperous.

Chicago, Grace, ... The Rev. Clinton Locke.

Church Wardens—H. W. Hinsdale, W. S. Hibbard.

Families, 146; individuals not thus included, 150; total of souls, 700.

Baptisms—Infants, 52; adults, 4; total, 56. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 31. Burials, 32.

Communicants—Admitted, 18; received, 36; removed, 46; died, 4; present number, 200.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 13; female, 15; total, 28. Scholars: Male, 50; female, 150; total, 200.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 12; catechumens, 200.

Celebration of Divine service—Sundays, 104; other days, 50.

Holy Communion—Public, 14; private 6. Alms, for poor, $341.24.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $227.70; domestic, $150. Diocesan Fund: amount assessed, $200; amount paid, $200. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $20. Parish Purposes, $4,799. Other Church Offerings, $2,424.50.

Other Church offerings include Nashotah, $100, Faribault, $17.50, Church Book Society, $100, St. Luke's Hospital, $1,562, St. Stephen's, $400, St. Mark's, $245. St. Stephen's, the Mission Church of Grace, has made great progress, as will appear from their report, and will ever be self-supporting. The congregation of Grace Church presented me with a very fine set of robes in commemoration of the ninth year of my rectorship. The Parish remains about the same as last year.

CLINTON LOCKE.

Chicago, Holy Communion, . . The Rev. William Greene.

Church Warden—Albert E. Neely.

In the early part of the month of June, this year, the undersigned took temporary charge of this Parish, and refers to the last report, that of 1865, as representing nearly its present condition. The number of persons in attendance on the services has not decreased, and with regular and faithful ministrations there seems to be no reason why a high degree of prosperity should not be attained.

Chicago, St. James . . . The Rev. Edward C. Porter.

Church Wardens—Tolman Wheeler, Edwin H. Sheldon.

Families, 190; individuals not thus included, 56; total of souls, 846 actually enrolled, (estimated number, 1400.)

Baptisms—Infants, 54; adults, 4; total, 58. Confirmed, 40. Marriages, 17. Burials, 22.

Communicants—Admitted, 6; removed, 15; died, 2; present number, 836.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 10; female, 18; total, 28. Scholars: Total, 200.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 12; catechumens, 150.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 104; other days, 78.

Holy Communion—Public, 14. Alms, $581.06.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $239.40; Domestic, $3,902.15. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $332; amount paid, $332. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $52. Other Church Offerings, $1,814.

The report of those admitted to the list of communicants extend only from the 1st of April to date—the time during which I have been in charge of the Parish. The same is true in regard to those reported deceased.

Chicago, St. John's, . . The Rev. H. N. Bishop, D.D.

Church Wardens—Job Carpenter, D. W. Page.

Families, 175; individuals not thus included, 50; total number of souls, 750.

Baptisms—Infants, 36; adults, 20; total, 56.

Confirmed—Parish Church, Chicago, 59; Harlem Mission, 9; total, 68.

Marriages, 27. Burials, 25.

Communicants—Admitted, 59; received, 20; removed, 41; died, 2; present number, 196.

Sunday Schools—3; No. 1, Parish School, teachers and officers: Male, 21; female, 24; total, 45. Scholars: Male, 200; female, 275; total, 475.

Catechetical Instruction—Number of times, 12; catechumens, 475.

No. 2, Harlem Mission Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; female, 5; total, 8. Scholars, total, 50.

No. 3, Lake Street Mission Sunday School—Teachers and officers: total, 15. Scholars, total, 105. Total number of children and youth under Sunday School instruction, 630.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 127; other days, 30; total 157.

Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 2. Alms, Thanksgiving collection for the needy, $490.39; Missions in the Diocese, $228.25; Domestic Missions, $105.77; Diocesan Fund, $160; Parish Purposes not included as above, $4,700; Other Church Offerings: Bible society, $50; Sunday Schools, d635; Christmas gifts to Rector and family, $500; Freedmen's Aid Commission, $28.25; St. Luke's Hospital, $374; Theological Education, one donation, $400; other donations, $97.50; Diocese of Iowa, 70; Ladies' Society, $875. Total contributions, $7,714.16.

The past year has been one of remarkable spiritual prosperity in the Parish. Of the 59 admissions to the Church, about 30 were from among the teachers and pupils connected with the Sunday School. The Parish Sunday School still remains under the charge of its efficient Superintendent, S. Johnston, Esq., aided by a corps of faithful teachers and officers. We place great value in the use of Walden's Sunday School Prayer book, in conducting the devotional exercises of the school. My missionary efforts have been mainly concentrated at Harlem, where I have officiated on alternate Sunday afternoons during the year, and much spiritual interest has been manifested, as is shown from the number received into the Church by Confirmation. The Lake street Mission was organized July 15, 1866, mainly through the efforts of J. H. Kedzie, Esq., a devout layman, member of the Parish at Evanston, who has generously given us the use of a hall, and furnished it at his own expense with neat settees and a cabinet organ, and assisted in the purchase of books for carrying on the School. This Mission is located in a densely populated portion of the city, almost destitute of religious services, and although we cannot hope to organize a self-sustaining Church at this point, yet we have confidence to believe that with the Divine Blessing much good may be done among the rising generation by properly directed efforts. The Rector has been acceptably assisted in the work of the Parish during the past three months, by The Rev. A. W. Snyder, who has now assumed the charge of St. Stephen's Parish in this city. The Rector gratefully acknowledges many *substantial* tokens of friendship from the beloved members of his flock.

Chicago, St. Luke's. . . . *The Rev. H. H. Cole.*

Church Wardens—Lucius B. Otis, Charles C. Street.

Baptisms—Infants, 6; total, 6.

The Rector of St. Luke's respectfully submits, that owing to the fact of every effort being for the past year directed towards the devlopment of the material resources of the Parish, that little of interest can be said of any thing beyong this. Great blessing, however, has attended our labors. A Church has been purchased, removed, enlarged, thoroughly repaired, and completely renovated, and will be open for Divine Service (D. V.) on St. Luke's day, the 18th proximo. A Parish School will be started in a few days.

Cottage Grove, St. Mark's. . . *The Rev. E. B. Tuttle.*

Church Wardens—W. K. Ackerman, F. C. Smith.

Families, 25; individuals not thus included, 6; total of souls, 103.

Baptisms—Infants, 9; adults, 3; total, 12. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 7 Burials, 4.

Communicants: Present number, 25.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 6; total, 8. Scholars: Male, 10; female, 30; total, 40.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 80.

Holy Communion—Public, 10. Alms, $116.71.

Contributions—Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $25; amount paid, $25. Parish purposes, $4,000. Other Church offerings, $240.

The Parish was originally organized in the North Division, and transferred in November, to Cottage Grove, where a neat gothic Church is in process of erection, to cost $6,000. We expect to occupy the Church in November. We need $2,000 to have the building free from debt. The handsome lot of ground, upon which the Church stands, on Cottage Grove Avenue, south of Douglas University, was the generous gift of the heirs of the "Langley Estate." This, with the liberal donation of Hon. W. B. Ogden, and the subscriptions of personal friends of the Rector; together with the need of a house of Worship in that beautiful part of the city, induced us to undertake the work, where we hope to gather in souls to Christ for the great day of account.

Chicago, St. Stephen's. . . The Rev. Albert W. Snyder.

Church Wardens—John F. Beatty, William Peters.

Baptisms—Infants 1; total, 1. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.

Communicants—Admitted, 4; removed, 1; present number, 18.

Sunday School—Scholars, 50.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 40.

Contributions—Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $28; amount paid, $28; Parish purposes, $55.31.

The Parish, at present, is in a feeble condition, yet we hope for better things. A Church has been purchased, and moved to our Church site. It is now undergoing repairs, which, when completed, will make it a Church-like and comfortable building, capable of seating nearly three hundred people. Just as soon as our Church building is made fit for regular services, a great improvement in the condition of the Parish is expected. I was ordained Deacon on Trinity Sunday last, and immediately after, transferred to this Diocese. For three months, I acted as Assistant at St. John's Church Chicago. My official acts during that time were as follows: Marriages, 4; Baptisms, 8; Burials, 8. On every Lord's Day, I have assisted in Divine Service, and frequently preached,

Chicago, Trinity. . . . The Rev. G. D. Cummins.

Church Wardens—L. P. Hilliard, J. C. Fargo.

Families, 200; individuals not thus included, 250; total of souls, 1,250.

Baptisms—Infants, 29; adults, 6; total, 35. Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 10. Burials, 11.

Communicants—Admitted, 10; present number, 170.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 10.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 100; other days, 50.

Holy Communion—Public, 14. Alms, $176.07.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $190.20; Domestic, $540; Foreign, $250. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $160; amount paid, $160. Parish purposes, $1,137.50. Other Church offerings, $305.25.

The Rev. Geo. D. Cummins, Rector, has been elected Assistant Bishop of Kentucky. He is now absent in Europe. The Parish is in a reasonably prosperous condition.

L. P. HILLIARD, *Sr. Warden.*

Collinsville, Christ. . . . The Rev. John Portmess.

Families, 13; individuals not thus included, 20; total of souls, 90.

Baptisms—Infants, 13; adults, 1; total, 14. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8.

Communicants—Removed, 3; died, 2; present number, 13.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; female, 4; total, 5. Scholars: Male, 6; female, 19; total, 25.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 12; catechumens, 25, (the Sunday School.)

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 50; other days, 8.

Holy Communion—Public, 3; private, 2. Alms, $11.25.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $5. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $18; amount paid, $15. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, 50 cents. Parish purposes, $271.05.

The Parish lost, early in the year, by death, its Senior Warden, who departed this life in great peace. The only other male member being quite old and infirm, and living a number of miles distant, we have not since, attempted to keep up an organization. The Parish has lost by removals and deaths, other valuable members. There are, nevertheless, a few earnest souls left, who will do what they can to maintain the services of the Church. Not being blest with an abundance of this world's goods, however, it is little they can do, and their condition calls loudly for increased Missionary aid.

Danville, Holy Trinity. . . . The Rev. E. J. Purdy.

Church Wardens—A. S. Williams, J. C. Winslow.

Families, 20; individuals not thus included, 18; total, 85.

Baptisms—Infants, 11; adults, 1; total, 12. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Admitted, 5; received, 10; removed, 2; present number, 13.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; female, 7; total, 12. Scholars—Total, 104.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 7.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 50.

Holy Communion—Public, 2. Collection—Sunday School, $25.95; monthly, $63.49; total, $89.44. Parish purposes—For Church Building, $3,380. Ladies' Association for furnishing, $622.44.

This Parish was organized in February last, and the report embraces only eight months of the past year. Considering this fact, that there were only about half a dozen communicants, and a very small number, who knew anything about the Church, we have great reason to be thankful to Almighty God for our present prosperous condition. We have labored under the very great disadvantage of having to worship in a very inconvenient place; but we expect to get into our new Church the 1st of October, when our congregations will doubtless increase very much. Our Sunday School was organized in February, and now numbers a hundred scholars, although we have not been able to furnish library and question books, as fast as they were needed. We are indebted to a few gentlemen of St. John's Church, Lafayette, for a contribution of $140 towards our Church.

Decatur, St. John's. . . The Rev. Silas Totten, D. D.

Church Wardens—Cyril Fuller, D. C. Lockwood.

Families, 44; individuals not thus included, 12; total of souls, 208.

Baptisms—Infants, 13; adults, 2; total, 15. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Admitted, 2; received, 4; removed, 13; died, 2; present number, 48.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; female, 8; total, 13. Scholars—Male, 40; female, 56; total, 96.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 12. Catechumens, 8.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 100; other days, 24.

Holy Communion—Public, 14. Alms, $51.57.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $38; domestic, $17.55; foreign, $5.20.

Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $57; amount paid, $57. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $7.10. Parish purposes, $168. Other Church offerings, $80.55.

Dixon, St. Luke's. . . . The Rev. H. H. DeGarmo.

Church Wardens—W. T. House, Sr., Jas. A. Hawley.

Families, 44; individuals not thus included, 24; total of souls, 185.

Baptisms—Infants, 24; adults, 8; total, 32. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Admitted, 16; received, 3; removed, 1; present number, 61.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; female, 6; total, 10. Scholars—Male, 30; female, 40; total, 70.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 40.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 90; other days, 18.

Holy Communion—Public, 11. Alms, $10.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $20.36.

Diocesan fund—Amount assessed, $49.45; amount paid, $49.45. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $2.40. Parish purposes, $1,215.03. Other Church offerings, Nashotah, $20.

The Parish I leave in good condition, and, for the first time since its organization, free from debt. A new Church building, or the enlargement of the old one, is very much needed, and with a determined effort on the part of the Vestry, can be had.

Dundee, St. James'. . . . The Rev. Peter Arvedson.

Church Wardens—Samuel Wardlow, George Barnet.

Families, 11; individuals not thus included, 2; total of souls, 47,

Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1.

Communicants—Present number, 11,

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 52; other days, 5.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $5.80; Parish purposes, $11.58. Other Church offerings—Freedmen Commission, $3.87.

There is an increased interest manifested in this small Parish, inasmuch as the attendance is quite regular. The debt on the Church, about $300, for which the Missionary in charge is responsible, is somewhat a drawback. Though the number of members is small, and their means very limited, efforts have been made looking towards the cancelling of the debt. The Church is in need of repairs. If this small but faithful Parish could receive a little assistance from abroad, and the Church paid for and repaired, it would greatly aid in laying the foundation for a permanent Church influence in Dundee. As this Parish is held in charge by the present Missionary, in conjunction with Algonquin, I have been enabled to give only one service every Sunday, in the afternoon. The Missionary has claimed no salary from this feeble flock, and does not intend to do so until the Church building is paid for. An increase of actual membership is hopefully looked for.

Elgin, Redeemer. . . . . *The Rev. D. C. Howard.*

Church Wardens—John F. Beatty, Robert Tasey.

Families, 17; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 60.
Marriages, 2.
Communicants—Present number, 17.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; female, 8; total, 4. Scholars—Male, 6; female, 7; total, 13.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 54; other days, 1.

Evanston, St Mark's. . . *The Rev. John W. Buckmaster.*

Church Wardens—Charles Comstock, Alden G. Wilder.

Families, 24; individuals not thus included, 17; total of souls, 132.
Baptisms—Infants, 8; adults, 1; total, 9. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 4. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 13; received, 13; removed, 9; present number, 84.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; female, 5; total, 8. Scholars—Male 13; female 29; total, 42.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 54.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 110; other days, 30.
Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 1.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $19.13.
Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $6.00; amount paid, $6.00. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $4.50. Parish purposes, $4,048.58.

The Parish has been in existence about a year. There is no outstanding debt of any kind at this time. The people are united, and thoroughly in earnest. I have commenced an afternoon service at Winetka, five miles north of Evanston. There is a fine opening for the Church.

Farmington, Calvary. . . . *The Rev. John Benson.*

Church Wardens—Wm. Wilkinson, Sen., Lyman Warner.

Families, 18; total of souls, 55.
Communicants—Removed, 1; present number, 27.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 8; total, 5. Scholars—Male, 15; female, 25; total, 40.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sunday, 9 times by a minister; 42 lay services.

Holy Communion—Public, 3.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $25.00; Domestic, $2.50; Foreign, $2.50. Parochial Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $27.00; amount paid, $27.00.

Mr. Benson, our Rector, has spent the year in England. for his health. We will need all the aid that we can get, as we are struggling to get a Rectory, and are weak at best.

WM. WILKINSON, *Sen. Warden.*

Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's. . . The Rev. H. T. Hiester.

Church Wardens—Beebe Clark, John Yocum.

Families, 24; individuals not thus included, 12; total of souls, about 125.

Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Confirmed—No Episcopal visitation. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4.

Communicants—Received, 8; removed, 7; present number, 40.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 5; total, 7. Scholars—Male, 20; female, 25; total 45.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 60; other days, 4.

Holy Communion—Public, 11. Alms, $25.32.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $14.

Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $40; amount paid, $40. Parish purposes, $239. Other Church offerings, $120.

Fairport, Zion. . . . The Rev. Salmon R. Weldon.

Church Wardens—Thos. Webster, Daniel S. Brewster.

Families, 80; individuals not thus included, 20; total of souls, 340.

Baptisms—Infants, 9; adults 1; total, 10. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 8. Burials, 9.

Communicants—Admitted, 5; received, 2; removed, 11; died, 1; present number, 61.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; female, 10; total, 14. Scholars—Male, 45; female, 50; total, 95.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 10; catechumens, 95.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 90; other days, 60.

Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 1.

Contributions—Missions: Domestic, A. C. M. S., $20; Foreign, $17.80.

Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $66; amount paid, $76. Parish purposes, $2,160. Other Church offerings, $49.55.

We have thought best to enlarge our Church edifice, and have nearly completed the work, making the sittings about thirty-five per cent. more than previously.

Galena, Grace. . . . . The Rev. Samuel Edson.

Church Wardens—Frederick Stahl, Richard Seal.

Families, 50; individuals not thus included, 25; total of souls, 250.
Baptisms—Infants, 23; adults, 2; total, 25. Marriages, 5. Burials, 10.
Communicants—Present number, 78.
Sunday School—Teachers: Total, 13. Scholars—Total, 60.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 46; other days, 37.
Holy Communion—Public, 13. Alms, $25.38.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $50.88; domestic, $19.30.
Aged and Infirm Clergy, $10.50; Freedmen's Commission, $10; Southern Clergy, $25; Society for Increase of Ministry, $18.50; Parish purposes, $125. S. S. Library, 80.

During the past year a Rectory has been purchased and furnished, through the zealous efforts of the ladies of the Church.

Geneva, St. Mark's. Charles H. Brainard, Candidate for Holy Orders.

Church Wardens—A. W. Glass, B. F. Towner.

Families, 22; individuals not thus included, 8; total of souls, 108.
Baptisms—Infants, 15; adults, 4; total, 19.
Communicants—Admitted, 8; received, 7; present number, 22.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female 4; total, 6.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $10.

Jacksonville, Trinity. . . The Rev. Theodore N. Morrison.

Church Wardens—Dr. B. Gillette, Henry Stryker, Sr.

Families, 50: individuals not thus included, 15; total of souls, 265.
Baptisms—Infants, 8; adults, 4; total, 12. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; received, 13; removed, 5; died, 5; present number, 79.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; female, 8; total, 11. Scholars: Male, 25; female, 55; total, 80.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 98; other days, 45.

Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 1. Alms, $20. 25.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $61.25; Domestic, $40; Foreign, $25. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $68; amount paid, $68. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $25. Parish purposes, $500. Other Church offerings, $73.

Joliet, Christ. . . . . The Rev. Charles A. Gilbert.

Church Wardens—William Smith, Benjamin Cope.

Families, 71; individuals not thus included, 20; total of souls, 292.

Baptisms—Infants, 4; adults, 7; total, 11.

Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 10. Burials, 7.

Communicants—Admitted, 10; received, 12; removed, 17; present number, 97.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; female, 5; total, 10. Scholars: Male, 33; female, 52; total, 85.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 10; catechumens, 50.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 46; other days, 26.

Holy Communion—Public, 12. Alms, $49.91.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $25; Domestic, $11.25; Foreign, $11.25. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $92; amount paid, $92; Parish purposes, $340.24. Other Church Offerings, $184.13; total, $663.79.

The amount reported as "Other Church Offerings" was applied to the purchase of a Sunday School Library.

The Parish is steadily increasing in number and in strength. The Congregations are uniformly large. The average number of those who receive the Holy Communion is much greater than that of any preceding year.

Kankakee, St. Paul's. . . . The Rev. W. W. Rafter.

Church Wardens—Wm. Sibley, Sen., Emery Cobb.

Families, 24; individuals not thus included, 2; total of souls, 122.

Baptisms—Infants, 12; adults, 4; total, 16. Burials, 4.

Communicants—Admitted, 1; removed 7; died, 2; present number, 24.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; female, 9; total, 10. Scholars: Male, 30; female, 45; total, 75.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 24.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 100; other days, 24.

Holy Communion—Public, 12. Alms, $69,17.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $15.05. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $24; amount paid, $24.18. Parish purposes, $52.

The present Rector of the Parish took charge April 1st, 1866, and reports progress.

Kankakee Co., St. Anne. *The Rev. Charles B. Guillemont.*

Church Wardens—Laurent Chaille, Henry Barselow.

Families, 32; individuals not thus included, 6; total of souls, 157.

Baptisms—Infants, 21; total, 21. Marriages, 3; Burials, 3.

Communicants—Removed, 3; died, 2; present number, 56.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; female, 1; total, 2. Scholars: Male, 11; female, 15; total, 26

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 64; catechumens, 18.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 78; other days, 24.

Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 3. Alms, $5.25.

Contributions—Missions: Domestic, $4.60.

Besides my station duties, I have held services several times in French, at Kankakee, for the French people, and in other places around, in English, for several English families connected with the Church. Whenever it is possible to meet for prayer, the services are devoutly attended.

The growth of the Mission would be more rapid and easier, were it not for the great scattering of the families, many of them living 5, 6 and even 8 miles from the Church. It is hard to visit them as often as I would like. My people, in pecuniary matters, are very poor. Since 17 months, they have been able to pay to their Pastor only $12, instead of $250, annually subscribed in aid to him.

Most of the population around are favorably disposed to our Communion and like our services. During the year, I have baptized 21 infants, and added 7 families to the Church. There has been no Confirmation, but 15 persons are disposed to receive that rite as soon as may be. So, *materially*, the field is very hard and should be discouraging, but *spiritually* it is full of consolation and good hope. We shall labor with the help of God.

Kewanee, St. John's. . . . *The Rev. B. R. Gifford.*

Church Wardens—R. P. Parrish, J. Hopkins.

Families, 50; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 200.

Baptisms—Infants, 59; adults, 12; total, 71.

Confirmed, 35. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9.

Communicants—Admitted, 24; received, 5; removed, 8; present number, 54.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; female, 7; total, 12. Scholars: Male, 35; female, 50; total, 85.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 10; catechumens, whole school.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 98; other days, 10.

Holy Communion—Public, 13; private, 1.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $5; Domestic, $5; Diocesan Fund: amount assessed, $40; amount paid $40. Parish purposes, $130.

The Rector, Rev. B. R. Gifford is in Europe. The Rev. W. H. Barris has officiated for us during the last two months.

R. P. PARRISH, *Sen. Warden.*

Lacon, St. John's. . . . *The Rev. James S. McGowan.*

Church Wardens—F. H. Stese, S. F. Brenn.

Families, 14; individuals not thus included, 6; total of souls, 59.

Baptisms—Adults, 8; total, 8.

Communicants—Admitted, 5; received, 4; present number, 18.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 3; total, 5. Scholars: Male, 8; female, 12; total, 20.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 4.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 55; other days, 1.

Holy Communion—Public, 1. Alms, $3.46.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $2.25. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $4; amount paid, $2.25. Parish purposes, $126.56.

This report covers only from March 4th, 1866, until September 9th, 1866. The Parish is growing and a good class is now ready for Confirmation.

La Salle, St. Mark's, . . . *The Rev. Matthew Magill.*

Church Wardens—Calvin Wilson, George D. Locey.

This Parish is without services, owing to the impossibility of obtaining a place to hold them in. The Rector has urged repeatedly efforts to obtain subscriptions and erect a Church building, but in vain—yet has not given up the hope that a better day will come, even for this Parish. The Rector gets no salary.

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Lee Centre, St. Paul's, . . The Rev. Robert Trewartha.

Church Wardens—Charles Gardner, M. D., R. C. Blake.

Families, 12; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 51.

Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3. Received, 2; removed, 6; present number, 16.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 3; total, 5. Scholars: Male, 10; female, 15; total, 25.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 4; catechumens, 10.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 60; other days, 4.

Holy Communion—Public, 2. Alms, $2.50.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $7.50. Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $20; amount paid, $7. Parish purposes, $18.75.

The pecuniary resources of this Parish are very weak, yet we have succeeded in getting lamps for our Church. During the past year, the blessing of God had rested upon us. There is a good class awaiting confirmation.

Lewistown, St. James. The Rev. A. Spor up to April 15th; The Rev. T. N. Benedict, from May 13, to Sept. 2, 1866.

Church Wardens—S. Corning Judd, DeWitt C. Bryant.

Families, 22; individuals not thus included, 14; total of souls, 97.

Baptisms—Infants, 8; total, 8. Marriages, 4. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Removed, 1; discontinued, 2; present number, 16.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 4; total, 6. Scholars—Total, 30.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 24; catechumens, 30.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 96; other days, 34.

Holy Communion—Public, 15. Alms, $71.55.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $14; Domestic, $3; Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $19; amount paid, $19. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $1.40. Parish purposes, $631.50.

The late Rector, The Rev. Mr. Spor, resigned on account of his health, April 15th. The Rev. T. N. Benedict, of Jubilee College, has supplied the Parish with Sunday Services from the 13th of May to the 2d of September inclusive. The Rev. John W. Clark, of Dover, N. H., has accepted the Rectorship of the Parish, and will enter upon his duties on the first Sunday of October, proximo. The spire of our Church edifice is to be immediately completed, and the Church and grounds inclosed by a fence, etc.

S. CORNING JUDD, *Sr. Warden.*

Lockport, St. John's, . . The Rev. Charles A. Gilbert.

Church Wardens—Hiram Norton, John Griswold.

Families, 20; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 90.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; removed, 1; present number, 80.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 43; other days, 1.
Holy Communion—Public, 10; private, 1. Alms, $10.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $10. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $30; amount paid, $30. Other Church offerings, $15.11.

The Parish has but one service each week, and that on Sunday afternoons. The congregations being large, and containing a number of young people, it affords a promising field for a resident Rector. In consequence of the duties of the present Rector at Joliet, it receives no parochial attention—hence the meagerness of the report.

Marengo, Advent, ... The Rev. John Cauch.

Church Wardens—Thomas Diamond, J. C. Casely.

Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1. Burials, 5.

This Parish, I regret to say, is hopelessly dead; not having a place in which to hold our public services, we have held none during the past Conventional year; all my ministerial services in the Parish are included in one baptism, and officiating at five funerals. I have occasionally assisted The Rev. W. H. Cooper, Rector of Trinity Church, in Belvidere, and also aided him in his Missionary work at Cherry Valley.

Morris, St. Thomas, . . The Rev. W. J. Pigott.

Church Wardens—Albon Bennett, Daniel G. Frary.

Families, 27; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 122.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; adults, 1; total, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 24; present number, 24.
Sunday School—Teachers: Female, 6; total, 6. Scholars—Male, 9; female, 23; total, 32.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 1.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 14; other days, 2.
Holy Communion—Public, 1. Alms, $5.95.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $8. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $24; amount paid, $24. Parish purposes, $13.02. Other Church offerings, $1.30.

During the past year the following sums have been raised for Church building purposes:

By subscription money, $786.47. Materials, $525. Festivals, $179.60. Sociables, $80.97.

Through Mrs. Mathews and Mrs. Fisher, the Bishop White Society presented thirty Prayer Books and twenty-four Theological works. Previous to my arrival here, The Rev. Mr. McGowan, during the past Conventional year, married one couple and buried two persons. The Rev. Mr. Magill baptized one infant and one adult. The affairs of the Parish, both spiritually and temporally, look very encouraging; more than I had reason to expect, at the time of my arrival in this city, where I found the people erecting, through much trial and tribulation, a beautiful Church building, the corner stone of which was laid by the Rev. Clinton Locke, Rector of Grace Church, Chicago, on Tuesday, August 14th.

Naperville, St. John's, . . The Rev. J. Harris Knowles.

Church Wardens—S. P. Stevens, James G. Wright.

Families, 20; individuals not thus included, 6; total of souls, 85.

Baptisms—Infants, 6; adults, 5; total, 11.

Confirmed, 7. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Admitted, 7; received, 2; removed, 2; died, 1; present number, 34.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; female, 7; total, 8. Scholars—Male, 15; female, 26; total, 41.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 2.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 79; other days, 30.

Holy Communion—Public, 12.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $10.75. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $23; amount paid, $23. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $5.15. Parish purposes, $826.19. Other Church offerings, as follows: Convention pledge, $10. Freedmen's Commission, $4. N. Y. Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, $4.75. Society for Increase of the Ministry, $3.75. Total, $22.50.

The condition of the Church is encouraging. Progress is evident, and the future gives promise of increased growth.

Pekin, St. Paul's. . . . *The Rev. W. M. Steel.*

Church Wardens—Wm. Stanbury, Wm. Blenkiron.

Families, 30; total of souls, about 100.

Baptisms—Infants, 8; adults, 5; total, 13.

Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Admitted, 6; received, 1; removed, 2; present number, 25.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; female, 4; total, 7. Scholars: Total, about 30.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 47; other days, 2.

Holy Communion—Public, 7. Alms, $6.25.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $21.65.

Peoria, St. Paul's. . . *The Rev. Warren H. Roberts.*

Church Wardens—A. G. Tyng, Matthew Griswold.

Families, 150; individuals not thus included, 100; total of souls, 900.

Baptisms—Infants, 18; adults, 18; total, 36.

Confirmed, 50. Marriages, 8. Burials, 12.

Communicants—Admitted, 60; received, 10; removed, 12; died, 2; present number, 175.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; female, 16; total, 24. Scholars—Male, 75; female, 100; total, 175.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 30.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 94; other days, 52.

Holy Communion—Public, 11; private, 1. Alms, $427.49.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $172; Domestic, $25; Foreign, $25.

Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $150; amount paid, $150. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $20. Parish Purposes, $8,000. Other Church Offerings, $100.

This parish has steadily increased in strength and prosperity during the past year.

Peru, St. Paul's. . . . . . (*Vacant*).

Church Wardens—Naasson Young, Calvin Wilson.

As the Rectorship has been for some time vacant, I cannot give the statistics, as required, in a reliable manner; but we hope soon to have a Rector, when we can make the necessary returns.

NAASSON YOUNG, *Sen. Warden.*

Pittsfield, St. Stephen's. . . *The Rev. John Foster.*

Church Wardens—John Boothby, John S. Mullen.

Families, 21.

Baptisms—Infants, 1; total, 1. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4.

Communicants—Removed, 4; died, 1; present number, 20.

Sunday School—Teachers: Female, 3; total, 3. Scholars—Male, 4; female, 12; total, 16.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, every Sunday.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 103; other days, 3.

Holy Communion—Public, 12. Alms, $24.03.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $9.15. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $24. Parish Purposes—For Sunday School, $31.86. Other Church Offerings—Church South, $4.

Polo, Trinity. . . . . . (*Vacant*).

Church Warden—J. R. Phelps, *Senior.*

Families, 20.

Communicants—Received, 1; removed, 4; present number, 25.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 13; other days, 1.

Holy Communion—Public, 1. Alms, $3.

Contributions—Parish Purposes, $175.

The Parish has had no settled Minister, or Rector, since last Convention. The following Clergymen have officiated and preached in the Parish during the conventional year: The Rev.'s O. B. Thayer, S. R. Weldon, F. B. Nash, H. H. DeGarmo, D. C. Howard, and R. Trewartha.

J. R. PHELPS, *Warden.*

Princeton, Redeemer's. . *The Rev. Francis Burdett Nash.*

Church Wardens—William Bacon, Thomas M. Woodruff.

Families, 20; individuals not thus included, 3; total of souls, 80.

Baptisms—Infants, 2; adults, 1; total, 3.

Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Admitted, 2; received, 2; removed, 7; died, 1; present number, 23.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; female, 7; total, 8. Scholars—Male, 12; female, 18; total, 30.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 48.

Holy Communion—Public, 6. Alms, $18.

Contributions—Missions: Domestic, $8.15.

Parochial Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $27; amount paid, $27. Parish Purposes, $1,200.

The great want of our Church at Princeton, is a Church edifice of our own. We have now commenced one, and hope to be able to complete it in another year.

Providence, Zion's. . . . The Rev. F. B. Nash.

Church Warden—Francis L. Favor.

Families, 12.

Confirmed* 5.

Communicants—Admitted, 5.

There have been no regular Sunday services at Providence during the year. Some of the most influential families have moved away; the rest are much scattered. Most of the remaining families will probably, 'ere long, connect themselves with the Church at Tiskilwa.

There are a few Church families at Bureau County, and some seven Communicants.

Rantoul, St. Paul's. The Rev. John Wesley Osborne—Missionary.

Families, 12; total of souls, 47.

Communicants—Received, 5; removed, 1; present number, 4.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 52.

Holy Communion—Public, 8. Alms, $6.30.

Contributions—Domestic, $8. Parish Purposes, $3.30.

This Parish is in a growing condition. There will be a large class for confirmation when the Bishop shall visit us. We are much in need of a Church building. We intend to dig, but not to beg.

Robin's Nest, Christ. . . . The Rev. Samuel Chase.

Church Wardens—Joseph Mayo, John Moss.

Families, 19; individuals not thus included, 25; total of souls, 150.

Baptisms—Infants, 14; total, 14.

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* Confirmed at Tiskilwa.

Communicants—Received, 6; removed, 2; present number, 69.
Sunday School—Teachers: total, 9. Scholars—total, 55.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 76; other days, 9.
Holy Communion—Public, 12. Alms, $38.61.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $65. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, —; amount paid, $30. Parish purposes, $227.30. Other Church Offerings, $15.19.

Rockford, Emmanuel. . . The Rev. S. B. Duffield.

Church Wardens—R. P. Lane, William G. King.

Baptisms—Infants, 5; total, 5. Marriages, 5. Burials, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; female, 9; total, 12. Scholars—Total, 85.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 2.
Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 1. Alms, $50.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $13; Foreign, $8,20. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $85; amount paid, $60.

I am able to state but little in relation to the Parish, having been in charge so short a time. No records have been kept; or if they have, I cannot find them. Since the resignation of the former Rector—The Rev. Thomas Smith, (Editor *Northwestern Church*,) has supplied services. Our Communicant list was accidentally placed at too large a figure in the last report, thus making our assessment too high. This accounts for the falling off in payments to the Diocesan Fund. There seems to be a growing interest in Church work, and in the Sunday School.

Rock Island, Trinity. . . . The Rev. R. D. Brooke.

Baptisms—Infants, 6; adults, 1; total, 7. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; received, 7; removed, 7; died, 1; present number, 86.
Sunday School—Teachers, 11. Scholars, 70.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $22; Domestic, $8; Foreign, $12. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $32. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $2.10. Parish purposes, not included in the above, $145. Total, $221.

The Parish continues to improve. The attendance on the services is gradually increasing. As the Church was built on leased property, and the lease will soon expire, an effort has been made to raise sufficient funds to commence the erection of another. A lot has been donated, also stone, by one party,

in addition to a liberal subscription. Other subscriptions have been made, but the whole amount is not sufficient to justify us in commencing work, as it is determined not to contract any debts.

Rushville, Christ. . . . The Rev. C. A. Bruce.

Church Warden—John Seelye.

Families, 8; individuals not thus included, 2; total of souls, 30.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; total, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Removed, 1; died, 2; present number, 7.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 50; other days, 2.
Holy Communion—Public, 10. Alms, $10.
Contributions—Domestic, $3. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $16. Parish purposes, $50.

In consequence of the death of the junior Warden, Judge Johnson, the working member of the Parish, and other circumstances, the Parish is left in a very weak condition. In addition to the above, I have officiated at one funeral at Lewistown, and assisted the Rector on several occasions of public Worship.

Salem, St. Thomas. The Rev. John Wesley Osborne, Missionary.

Church Wardens—Robert H. Whitaker, John W. Merritt.

Families, 5; total of souls, 30.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 2; died, 1; present number, 8.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 2.
Holy Communion—Public, 1; private, 1. Alms, $1.50.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $5; Domestic, $1.50. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $7; amount paid, $5.25.

There are a faithful few at this place, who will do all they can to support the service occasionally. We have the promise of $500 from a good lady of the State of New York, towards building the Church.

Springfield, St. Paul's. . . The Rev. Wm. F. B. Jackson.

Church Wardens—S. H. Treat, Antrim Campbell.

Families, 70; individuals not thus included, 350; total of souls, 420.
Baptisms—Infants, 28; adults, 7; total, 35. Confirmed, 27. Marriages, 8. Burials, 16.

Communicants—Admitted, 26; received, 18; removed, 4; present number, 155.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; female, 9; total, 14. Scholars—Total, 100.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 14.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 104; other days, 24.

Holy Communion—Public, 15. Alms, $173.20.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $161.70; Domestic, $63.75. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $120; amount paid, $120. Parish Purposes, $106.50. Other Church Offerings, $485.

It is a great pleasure to report a large increase in attendance on the services of the Church in this city, and a personal interest in Parish affairs manifested by nearly every man, woman and child in the Parish. The enlargement and adornment of the Sanctuary in which we worship, proves that we are a working people; while the contributions to objects outside the Parish, instead of being lessened by our home demands, have exceeded those of any other year. Under the head of "Other Church Offerings," are included $317, a gift of the Parish to the Rector and his family, and $118 to the Church Book Society. The Endowment Fund contributions were $194.35, the special assessment being deducted from that amount.

Sterling, Grace. . . . . *The Rev. J. Gierlow.*

Church Wardens—G. Davis, L. Hapgood.

Families, 39; individuals not thus included, 14; total of souls, 142.

Baptisms—Infants, 12. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3.

Communicants—Admitted, 9; removed, 9; present number, 40.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 6; total, 8. Scholars—Male, 22; female, 33; total, 55.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 5.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 22; other days, 2.

Holy Communion—Public, 5. Alms, $50.25.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $6. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $40; amount paid, $40. Parish purposes, $7,000.

In a financial point of view, everything is highly flattering. Immediately after my arrival here, the work on the Church building, which had for some time been delayed, was resumed with renewed vigor, and we now have a magnificent structure, which will be opened for Divine service (D. V.) by the first of October. The Sunday School is personally superintended by the Rector, and the Catechism made the basis of instruction. A weekly Bible Class has been regularly held, and well attended, from house to house. The congregation is always good, and it may safely be assumed that this will, in a short time, become a large and prosperous Parish.

Sycamore, St. Peter's. . The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D. D.

Church Wardens—Isaac Johnson, F. A. Lord, M. D.

Families, 40; individuals not thus included, 35.
Baptisms—Infants, 10; total, 10. Marriages, 6. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Present number, 80.
Sunday School—Teachers: Total, 7. Scholars—Total, 85.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 84; other days, 19.
Holy Communion—Public, 4. Alms, $15.43.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $13. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $26; amount paid, $26. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $5. Parish purposes, $674.

The foregoing Report is brought down to the first Sunday in September. The Rector entered upon charge of the Parish on the first Sunday in May. During half of the time since, the Church has been closed for repairs, and services have been held in the Court House, on Sundays only. The extent and character of the repairs will be reported to the next Convention. The larger portion of the official acts reported, should be credited to The Rev. C. J. Hendley, who resigned the Parish at Easter. Of the $674 reported as for Church purposes, $659 were raised by the Church Social, which has been tried, and proved as a most efficient instrument of Parish work. The Parish is united and harmonious, and its prospects are encouraging.

Tiskilwa, St. Jude's. . . . The Rev. F. B. Nash.

Church Wardens—Henry Smith, Oliver Melling.

Families, 26; individuals not thus included, 15; total of souls, 150.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; adults, 4; total, 10.
Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 14; removed, 10; died, 1; present number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; female, 5; total, 9. Scholars—Male, 15; female, 25; total, 40.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 60; other days, 10.
Holy Communion—Public. 6. Alms, $20.
Contributions—Domestic, $15. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $42; amount paid, $42. Parish purposes, $3,600.

The Church at Tiskilwa is seemingly in quite a flourishing condition. A beautiful, and, for the wants of the place, a commodious Church edifice has been built during the last year. A debt has been incurred in doing this, of about $1,200. The congregation, it is thought, will have no difficulty in paying this. The congregation is steadily growing. Our prospects are now quite encouraging.

Tremont, Christ. . . . The Rev. W. M. Steel.

Church Wardens—Robert Hodges, Robert Warner.

Families, 28; individuals not thus included, 4; total of souls, 66.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 1; present number, 18.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; female, 4; total, 6. Scholars—Total, 20.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 3; catechumens, 20.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 46.
Holy Communion—Public, 7. Alms, $8 95.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $9.75. Parish purposes, $30.72. Other Church Offerings, $7.08.

Warsaw, St. Paul's. . The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.

Church Wardens—Abraham Chittenden Pierre A. Barker.

Families, 30; individuals not thus included, 20; total of souls, 150.
Baptisms—Infants, 8; total, 8. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Received, 2; removed, 4; died, 2; present number, 25.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; female, 7; total, 11. Scholars—Male, 25; female, 35; total, 60.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 6; catechumens, 12.
Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 98; other days, 40.
Holy Communion—Public, 12. Alms, $28.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $25. Diocesan Fund—Amount assessed, $25. Amount paid, $25. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $4.25. Parish purposes, $100. Other Church Offerings, $20.

The state of the Parish is apparently but little changed during the year. We have lost some of our oldest and most valuable members by death. We think that the signs for the future are more favorable than they were at this time last year. There is some quickening of Church life, and we hope for greater efficiency in the little band united in this Parish.

Waukegan, Christ's. . . The Rev. R. F. Sweet, B. D.

Church Wardens—William Besley, Charles R. Steele.

Families, 81; individuals not thus included, 26; total of souls, 368.
Baptisms—Infants, 22; adults, 5; total, 27. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 2. Burials, 8.

Communicants—Admitted, 18; received, 16; removed, 11; present number, 89.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; female, 12; total, 15. Scholars—Male, 46; female, 69; total, 115.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 24.*

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 80;* other days, 57.*

Holy Communion—Public, 12;* private, 1, Alms, $68.93.*

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $57.23; Domestic, $26.66; Foreign, $8. Diocesan Fund—Amount Assessed, $60. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $11.50. Parish Purposes, $1,130.76. Other Church Offerings, $124.50, in aid to Parishes, Nashotah, Nebraska, Protestant Episcopal Freedmens' Aid Society, &c.

During the past year, the Parish has increased considerably, by removals. We need to day double the room which our Church building affords. The Church on the Lord's Day, is generally crowded, while the week day services are well attended. The attendance at the Holy Communion will average nearly seventy Communicants.

Willmington, Church of the Redeemer. The Rev. Jas. W. Coe.

Families, 34; individuals not thus included, 9; total of souls, 163.

Baptisms—Infants, 1; Adults, 1; total, 2. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.

Communicants—Admitted, 3; received, 7; removed, 3; died, 1; present number, 34.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; female, 6; total, 7. Scholars—Male, 14; female, 26; total, 40.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 2.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 98; other days, 10.

Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 1.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $25 50; Domestic, $11.50. Diocesan Fund—Amount Assessed, $27; Amount Paid, $27; Parish Purposes, $326.69. Other Church Offerings, $10.

The Parish is increasing in numbers, if not in strengh. The Congregation has outgrown its present accommodations, and the Vestry intend to commence the work of enlarging the old Church building this present week. The Parish is quite at unity in itself.

Wyoming, St. Luke's, . . . The Rev. Philander Chase.

Church Wardens—H. A. Holts, J. G. Green.

Families, 7; individuals not thus included, 10; total of souls, 40.

Baptisms—Infants, 10; adults, 3; total, 13. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

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*Since Advent Sunday, at which time the present Rector entered on his charge

Communicants—Received, 1; removed, 8; died, 1; present number, 10.

Sunday Schools—Teachers: Male, 8; female, 8; total, 6. Scholars: Male, 20; female, 25; total, 45.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number times, 2.

Celebration of Divine Service—Sundays, 25; other days, 8.

Holy Communion—Public, 4.

In making my report, I shall be obliged to vary from the usual form, as my labors have been extended to an itinerant. Since last Easter, I have officiated monthly, with one exception, in the following additional places, Toulon, Limestone, and in the County Poor House, El Paso, and Onarga, with occasional services at Washington, Metamora, and Fairburg. I have baptized on this mission 4 adults and 14 infants, total, 18. Communion 6 times. The number of Communicants in these Parishes and Stations, viz: Toulon, 5; El Paso, 9; Fairburg, 6; Onarga, 20,—(Limestone is a Parish of The Rev. J. Benson, now absent for his health, and will doubtless be reported by the Warden)—Washington, 12; Metamora, 12. Lay reading is kept up in Wyoming, Limestone and Onarga, and large Sunday Schools in these two last named places. Many young people in these places are desirous of Confirmation. The Church services have not been performed in many of these stations for many years, and they will be waste for years to come, unless kept up by missionary effort.

OTTAWA, Sept. 11, 1866.

The Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., Bishop of Illinois.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: The following is the report of my clerical acts during the past year. My health, though by no means improved, has been such as to enable me to do something in the Lord's Vineyard. I have held morning service in Christ's Church, Ottawa, thirteen (13) times. Held services in St. Thomas' Church, Morris, once, where I administered the Holy Communion. Baptized 2, married 5, buried 8, and administered the Holy Communion 5 times. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. P. CLARKE.

Report of the Labors of The Rev. John H. Fitch, as Missionary in the Counties of Boone and McHenry, for the last fifteen months.

I have held Divine Service at Shattuck's Grove nine times; do. in town of Genoa, three times; do. at School House No. 10, in the town of Spring, nine times; in the Church at Belvidere, preached three times; have officiated at

two funerals: performed one baptism; have assisted The Rev. Dr. Cooper in the performance of divine service twelve times. I have made not far from two hundred and fifty visits and calls, where I have left religious tracts and books. I have given away a number of prayer books. Infirm health has prevented me from doing more, saving that I have occasionally had prayers with families called upon, and especially with the sick.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12, 1866.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Whitehouse, D.D., Bishop of Illinois.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: Not having been connected with any Parish during the past year, I herewith present a report of occasional services held by me in this Diocese during that period:

Number of services, 69. Baptisms, 7. Burials, 1.

Respectfully, yours,

JONAS GREENE.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: During the Conventional year, ending the present month, September, 1866, I have held divine service and preached a few times in the cities of New York and Brooklyn. It is with difficulty, however, that I read or speak in public, on account of the weakness, both of my voice and eye sight.

Respectfully and obediently yours,

ASA GRISWOLD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 3d, 1866, 355½ Bowery.

The undersigned would respectfully report, that during the past year he has been assiduously engaged in his absorbing duties as Rector of Emmanuel Hall; which Institution has thus far, by God's blessing, been highly prosperous; and the Sundays in the vacations have been chiefly devoted to the assistance of his clerical brethren, including one spent in Montreal, where he preached once in the Cathedral, on the invitation of Bishop Fulford, who favored him with a cordial greeting.

ROSWELL PARK.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Illinois.

RTS.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR: Having resigned my charge of St. Mark's Pa Geneva, at the end of the last Conventional year, I have since confined m exclusively to my duties in connection with the "American Churchma and, in the prosecution of those duties, as I hope and firmly believe, I brought to bear upon the Church an influence for good immeasurably gre than it would have been possible for me, or any other single individua have exercised by parochial ministrations.

The circumstances of my position, however, have not debarred me f the frequent public exercise of my clerical functions.

Since the last Convention, I have assisted in the celebration of Di Service in various places, 74 times on Sundays, and 11 times on week da including Christmas Day and Holy Thursday. During the greater par Lent, I assisted in the prayers, services and lectures, in the Cathedral Chu In the course of the year, 1 have preached 35 times, having been partia disabled for many weeks by an attack of bronchitis.

I have baptized 8 adults, and 18 children and infants.

Faithfully, your obedient servant,

GEORGE C. STREET.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6th, 1866.

The Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D., Chicago.

RT. REV. SIR: During the Ecclesiastical year, just closing, I have assiste with comparatively few interruptions, the excellent Rector of St. John Church, in this city; and for the past two months have had charge of th Church in his absence. Besides these duties I have to report—Marriages, 4 Burials, 6. Holy Communion, (private) 2.

Respectfully,

JOHN TRIMBLE, Jr.

RTS.

CATECHETICAL INSTR'N.		CELEBRATION OF DIVINE SERVICE.			HOLY COMMUNION.		CONTRIBUTIONS.								
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No. of Times.	Number of Catechumens.	Sundays.	Other Days.	Total.	Public.	Private.	Communion Alms.	Diocesan.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Diocesan Fund.	Aged and Infirm Clergy.	Parish Purposes not included above.	Other Church Offerings not included above.	TOTAL.
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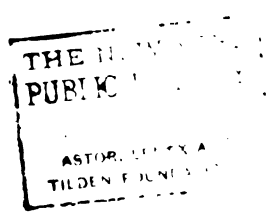
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DEAR BRETHREN:

For the first time, in my Episcopate, of nearly fifteen years, I shall be absent from the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, and the fact gives me pain, although it has been caused by events of pleasure to myself, and of some importance in the advancing cause of Catholic Unity. My anxiety is for my own responsibility alone; for I am well assured that, in the present harmonious and vigorous condition of the Diocese, everything pertaining to its advance and order will be faithfully regarded by the wisdom and brotherhood of the Convention.

In spirit I shall be with you. The Church which you have honored for successive years, by making it the place of your meeting; the well-loved Surpliced Brethren that gather round its Altar; and the faithful Laity who fill the seats, will all be in my heart, while others greet you in my stead, and minister the Holy Sacrament. *Remember me*, Beloved, as a Christian Bishop may best be remembered—in supplication; that my "going out and coming in" may be accepted to the glory of God and the good of His Church; and that all I learn, enjoy, and do, may make me more worthy of your confidence, support and affection.

The accounts which I have received, assure me constantly of the well-being and steady progress of the Diocese, under the Ecclesiastical Authority vested in the Standing Committee, and with the valuable services in confirmation rendered by my brethren in the Episcopate, the Bishops of Michigan and Iowa, and the Assistant Bishop of Indiana. Reports will be prepared and laid before you, touching both of these administrations.

During my stay in Paris, in the close of December and the month of January, I officiated frequently in the Church which, you are aware, is consecrated in that city to the Discipline and Worship of our American branch of the Church. It is under the charge of The Rev. W. O. Lamson, who is equally known as the faithful minister in his official position, and the attentive friend to his brethren and countrymen who visit the attractive capital. In addition to many ordinary pastoral functions, I twice held Confirmation. On the first occasion five were presented, who had been previously prepared, in expectation of my visit; and on the second, six, who were moved to solicit the privilege, from the impression caused by witnessing the first. Among the candidates were representatives from our own Diocese, and from each of the parishes to which my ministry had been devoted—St. Luke's, Rochester, and St. Thomas', New York,—a coincidence of singular interest, grouping, as it were, in a foreign land, the ministry of my life.

While in Madrid, at the request of Sir John Crampton, Her Majesty's Ambassador at that court, and of the Chaplain, The Rev. W. Adderly Campbell, I consecrated the Cemetery belonging to the English Government in that city. The services, attended by the whole congre-

gation, were impressive and affecting, as we surrounded "God's acre" with psalmody, and committed to the keeping of the Divine Presence, with prayer and holy offering, the bodies that sleep there, away from kindred and home,. In that walled waiting-place of the dead, repose some of our own countrymen.

In Rome I confirmed two persons in the Chapel of our Embassy, where services are regularly sustained by the zealous labors of the Rev. Dr. Lyman, and also on the following Sunday, by request of the acting Chaplain, the Rev. Canon Lee, I preached and confirmed in the English Church, situated outside of the Porto del Popolo, and where I had officiated, as a Presbyter, nearly thirty years before.

In Messina, Sicily, several times in Naples and in Florence, I preached, and administered the Holy Communion in those cities, as well as in Paris and Rome.

In Italy, where civil liberty has so wonderfully advanced, the Reform Movement in the Church is of deep interest from the progress it has made, as well as the difficulties and hazards which surround it. In various ways I have been in contact with the leading actors in this great work, especially while in Naples. In confidential intercourse I was able to testify our sympathy with all real efforts for the Reformation of the National Church, and to venture words of counsel and encouragement. The Bishop of Pennsylvania has been engaged in the same work, and as a member of the Committee of the General Convention has rendered effective aid, and accumulated information for the Church at home. The Bishop of Gibraltar and Clergy of the Church of England, among whom is foremost in devotion and influence

the Rev. LEWIS M. HOGG, judiciously sympathise with the struggles, so that it cannot be doubted that we and they will be ready to do all that sister Churches can properly do to guide and help the Church in Italy, to cleanse herself from errors and corruption, and return to the faith and practice of the early centuries.

It is not easy to overrate the importance of the experience and working of the branch of the Reformed Catholic Church in the United States on struggles like those in Italy against corruption and despotism, and in the changes which every branch of the Ancient and Reformed Church in Europe is destined to experience. Our freedom from all connection with the State; the support of religion by voluntary means; our Ecclesiastical government at once so conservative and yet infused with the full spirit and order of Republicanism; the active authority of the Laity; the simplicity and dignity of our Ritual; our ancient Creeds—the Apostles and Nicene—used with correlative authority; our ministry so unimpeachable in its Apostolic Succession; our judicious deference to primitive tradition; the election of Pastors and Bishops by the people; the careful training of our Clergy; the strict ideal of ministerial character and the practical flexibility of pastoral labor; our contest for the Historic and Visible Church in the midst of all varieties of sect and opinion—these and other relations make our influence important and adaptive, and enable us to exercise it in Catholic love and freedom. All I have observed has made me believe our own branch of the Church to be the purest in Christendom, and vested, in God's providence, with power to do more than any other for the upholding of primitive Faith and Order, and the

restoration of a demonstrative Catholic Unity. May our blessed Lord, who has thus endowed, fill us with His Spirit "to think and do always such things as are right!"

In the winter I was honored with a commission from the Bishop of London, to visit, during the summer in his behalf, the English congregations in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. In fulfilling this, at Copenhagen, Gothaberg and Stockholm I was welcomed with the utmost kindness and respect. My official acts of preaching, Confirmation and Communion, the private intercourse with the refined and devout Chaplains in charge, and with the hospitable Laymen who bestowed upon us such graceful courtesies, have not only filled my own heart with grateful esteem, but I trust, have tended to make our Church better known, and cement more closely the brotherhood between the Church of England and our own.

At Stockholm, I was favored by affectionate intercourse with the venerable Swedish Church. The presence there of many of the Bishops in attendance on the Diet, exercising for the last time the important legislative functions which they have enjoyed for six hundred years, afforded me an opportunity which could only thus occur. The special courtesy and Christian sympathy of His Grace, the Archbishop of Upsala, assisting at our services, partaking at our Altar and folding me in many relations of confidence and love,—the correspondent action of several of the Bishops, the legislative action in the Pastoral Letter commending their emigrant members to our Bishops and Clergy, have enlarged the personal intercourse into a real fellowship between the Church of Sweden and our own in the United States.

My Northern visitation was rendered more pleasant and effective by the assistance, as my honorary Chaplain, of the Rev. F. S. MAY, of London. His accurate learning, industry and zeal have long been freely given to the Scandinavian cause; and to his practical energy the whole Church is largely indebted for what she now knows and feels on the subject of Northern Christianity, in faith, doctrine and discipline, and the favorable movements for Inter-communion.

I cannot close this glance at the important incidents of my Swedish tour, without the expression of the grief with which I have just heard of the decease of the Bishop of Maine. Bishop BURGESS was Chairman of the Committee on "Friendly Relations with the Church in Sweden," and from his hands were sent the documents which prepared the way for my own reception with such marked results. His sound and practical qualities of head and heart, cultivated taste, systematic diligence, independent judgment, and quiet manners with the unction of a consistent piety, have made him influential and beloved. The work of the Church and the Council of its Bishops will miss his reliable power.

During my long stay in Russia, and especially in Moscow, where we were detained a month by the serious illness of my son, I have enjoyed opportunities for a familiar acquaintance with the Russo-Greek services, and occasions of full and intimate conference on the state and relations of our respective Churches. In these respects I owe everything to the unwearied kindness of His Eminence Bishop LEONIDE, Vicar of the Metropolitan, which left me nothing more to desire in personal and official recognition. It would, of course, be wrong to

draw any inference from such attentions, of formal relation between the Russo-Greek Church and our own, for which neither side can be yet prepared, and which certainly no intercourse of individual Bishops could involve. Yet, I think I may venture to say, that it has mutually impressed our minds with delightful conviction of soul communion in the life of God, and a hope of Ecclesiastical Comity for which we can with patience wait.

I send you, Beloved Brethren, these hasty lines in token of my respect and affection. I would fain have you believe that I nowhere forget my office, and the great interests of the Church of God, to which we have pledged our hearts and lives.

The time may come when, in more fullness and deliberation, I can place before you the facts and conclusions involved in the incidents at which I thus cursorily glance. To my own heart they bring assurance of honor, influence, and clearer unity for the Historic Kingdom of Christ. But everywhere, with premonitions of struggle, danger and hardship; the breaking up of old reliances, and the exposure to untried powers of social experiment and material progress. It will be the strange characteristic of the latter as well as of the earlier day that through "much tribulation" will the Kingdom come.

But never before, have I realized so clearly, amid all its diversities, estrangements and even fatal corruptions, the grand, substantial unity of the Church Catholic in the preservation of Ministry, Creeds, Liturgies, Sacraments and fundamental principles of a Holy Life; and how much exists of objective identity and subjective sympathy through which the "Spirit poured from on

high" can draw together the children of God, and cause the Zion which now witnesseth in sackcloth, and moans apart in her many voices, to put on her beautiful garments of joy and praise, and lift her crowned head for the coming Bridegroom.

Brethren! In the love of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Spirit—I bless you and yours; and beg you to remember in your prayers,

Your absent, but attached Bishop,

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE.

St. Petersburg, August 8th, 1866.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE RIGHT REV. HENRY W. LEE, D. D., BISHOP OF IOWA, ACTING FOR THE DIOCESAN OF ILLINOIS.

To the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Illinois:

I hereby respectfully report that, in cheerful compliance with the request of the Bishop of the Diocese, I have, during his absence, performed such Episcopal services as I could attend to, in connection with the pressing claims of my own Diocese, and with a somewhat impaired state of bodily health.

The following is a complete record of my official acts:

I have confirmed in St. John's Church, Kewanee, 33; in Galva, 2; in Pre-emption, 7; in Harlem, (Mission of St. John's, Chicago,) 9; in St. John's Church, Naperville, 7; in the Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago, 6; in St. St. John's Church, Chicago, 59; in St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago, 20; in Christ Church, Chicago, 29; in St. Luke's Church, Dixon, 13; in Trinity Church, Jacksonville, 11; in the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, 20; in St. Paul's Church, Peoria, 51; in St. Paul's Church, Pekin, 13; in the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, 30; in St. John's Church, Quincy, 36; in Zion Church, Freeport, 5; in private, one person belonging to the Bishop's Church, Chicago; in St. Jude's Church, Tiskilwa, 19; in the Parish of the Church of the Redeemer, Princeton, 2; in the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, 5; in Christ Church,

Joliet, 16; in Grace Church, Chicago, 5; in Trinity Church, Geneseo, 5; in Trinity Church, Rock Island, 10. Total, 414.

On each occasion of Confirmation, with one exception, I preached a sermon; and on nearly every one, I also addressed the person confirmed. I have baptised several children; those acts being recorded in the Parishes where they occurred. I have also officiated at one funeral. In several instances I have held two Confirmations in the same Parish. I regret that in some cases I have been unable to make visitations as desired. I would here record my sincere gratitude for the great kindness with which I was everywhere received by the Clergy and the people, and I would earnestly invoke the heavenly benediction of the Divine Head of the Church upon the respected Bishop of the Diocese, and upon the wide and most promising field committed to his charge.

HENRY W. LEE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Iowa.

DAVENPORT, Sept. 10, 1866.

REPORT OF THE RT. REV. JOSEPH C. TALBOT, D. D., ASSISTANT BISHOP OF INDIANA, ACTING FOR THE DIOCESAN OF ILLINOIS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 27, 1866.

RT. REV. DEAR SIR:—I beg to report the following Confirmations in the Dioeese of Illinois, performed at your request:

Grace Church, Chicago, 17; St. James' Church, Chicago, 28; Trinity Church, Chicago, 22; St. Mark's Church, Evanston, 10; Christ Church, Waukegan, 18; St. Paul's Church, Springfield, 27; Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville, 9.

You will observe that in the list of names in Trinity Church, Chicago, there are several whose initials, only, are given. I endeavored to correct this, but in the absence of Dr. Cummins in Europe, failed to get from his assistant a correct list.

I add that I have had numerous applications for Confirmations in the Diocese, which, on account of duties in Indiana, I was reluctantly compelled to decline.

I am, Rt. Rev. Dear Sir,

Very truly and respectfully,

Your friend and brother,

JOSEPH O. TALBOT,
Assistant Bishop of Illinois.

To the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Illinois.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ACTING AS THE ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY.

I.

MISSIONARIES NOMINATED TO THE DOMESTIC BOARD, AND CONFIRMED BY THEM.

Carlinville,	The Rev.	D. W. Dresser,	$300
I. C. R. R.,	" "	J. W. Osborne,	300
Kewanee,	" "	R. B. Gifford,	100
Wilmington,	" "	J. W. Coe,	150
Kankakee,	" "	C. H. Albert,	150
Elgin,	" "	D. C. Howard,	200
Naperville,	" "	J. Harris Knowles,	100
Geneseo,	" "	P. B. Morrison,	100
Danville,	" "	E. J. Purdy,	200

II.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

The following Clergymen have left the Diocese.

The Rev. G. H. Jenks,.....to California.
" " O. B. Thayer,.....to Kentucky.
" " S. Goodale,.....to Nebraska.
" " T. B. Pedelupe,.....to Missouri.
" " Henry Woods, ...to Iowa.
" " W. T. Smithett,.....to Wisconsin.
" " Alpheus Spor,.....to Minnesota.
" " C. J. Hendley,.....to Wisconsin.
" " J. B. Saye,.....to Indiana.
" " H. N. Strong, D. D.,.....to Western New York.
" " Richard Kerfoot,.....to Ohio.

III.

LETTERS DIMISSORY RECEIVED.

The following Clergymen have been received into this Jurisdiction:

The Rev. O. B. Morrison, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Wisconsin.

The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman,.....from New Hampshire.
" " Chas. Stewart,..... " Iowa.
" " W. W. Rafter,..... " Wisconsin.
" " A. W. Snyder,..... " Wisconsin.
" " W. J. Pigott,..... " Connecticut.
" " E. C. Porter,..... " Connecticut.
" " R. F. Sweet,..... " Wisconsin.
" " J. E. Purdy,..... " Indiana.

IV.

LAY READERS LICENSED.

Charles R. Brainard,.....for St. Mark's Church, Geneva.
Theophilus Brooks,..... " Christ Church, Chicago.

V.

REMANDING OF THE REV. J. W. CRACRAFT TO OHIO, FOR OFFICIATING IN THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS UNDER PROHIBITION.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee, acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority, held March 1st, 1866, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the Bishop of Illinois did, in his departure for Europe, empower the Standing Committee to act as the Ecclesiastical Authority in his absence; and

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this Committee, that the Rev. J. W. Cracraft, a Presbyter of the Diocese of Ohio, is officiating at Galesburg, in violation of the prohibition imposed upon him by the Bishop, under date of November 29th, 1864; and

WHEREAS, The Bishop of Ohio, in his sentence of admonition passed upon the Rev. J. W. Cracraft, in a former case of discipline, did state that it was his duty to submit to the prohibition till the question of lawfulness should be adjudicated by some authority higher than his own—Therefore

Resolved, That this Committee will, in compliance with Canon 3, Title II, give notice to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Ohio, of the violation of the Canon by the said Rev. J. W. Cracraft, exhibiting with the information given, reasonable ground for presuming its corrrectness, to the end that he may be proceeded against for trial.

The President of the Standing Committee is requested to carry this resolution into effect.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The President acordingly collected the reasonable evidence, and forwarded it, with the resolutions; and on May 22d, a communication was received from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Ohio, expressing their belief that the Rev. J. W. Cracraft had violated no Canon of this Church, in preaching

in Galesburg, Illinois, and that he is not liable to presentment for trial; and they hereby ignore the charge made against him by the acting Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Illinois.

On the 31st of May, a communication was received from the Bishop of Ohio, certifying to the correctness of the above, and pronouncing the Rev. J. W. Cracraft in regular standing as a Presbyter of the Diocese of Ohio, and that the complaint of the Ecclesiastical Authority of Illinois was discharged.

(See Report of Special Committee on the above—Journal of Convention, pp. 30, 44, 45, 46, 47.)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requisitions of their Constitution, the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital beg leave to present you their annual report, extending from September 1, 1865, to September 1, 1866. The Hospital still occupies the brick building, 669 State street, and has, during the year, grown greatly in powers of usefulness and in popular favor. We last year reported to you twelve beds, as our whole accommodations; we now report seventeen, all free, and all constantly filled. It is, of course, but a small thing in this large city; but if every year rates only this advance, it will soon be a large and important one; and we hope soon to take steps for the erection of a building of our own, with greater conveniences and more ample room. Our Institution has been so kindly received by the whole Church in Chicago, and commends itself so widely to the sympathies of every one, that we have found as yet no difficulty in procuring the funds necessary for the support of our few patients, and we are certain that our appeal for the money for a lot and building will meet with a generous response. The internal government has been, since October 18, St. Luke's day, 1865, in the hands of a Board of Lady Directors—one from each Parish in the city, elected by the Trustees in the nominations of the different Rectors. They, together with the President and Physician, superintend the daily life of the Hospital; and well and faithfully have they performed their trust. The Chaplain holds a daily service in the wards, and on Sunday, at 9 A. M., a short morning service, with an exhortation, besides ministering at the bedsides of the very ill. He has baptized nine infants, and given the Holy Communion to two dying persons. No opportunity is lost of inducing those under our care to improve this time of

sickness for their soul's good, and many have expressed their thankfulness to God for having, even by means of a painful illness, sent them to our door. There has been contributed to the support of the Institution, from our last report, September 1, 1865, to September 1, 1866—

From St. James' Church,	$ 594	25
" Trinity "	556	27
" Grace "	1,562	46
" Cathedral	25	00
" Holy Communion,	92	00
" Ascension,	41	38
" St. John's,	871	00
" Christ,	110	15
" St. George's Society	100	00
" Festival held by ladies from all the Churches	500	00
" Two concerts, given by some friends	1,076	00
" Miscellaneous	147	25
Moneys presented by patients	98	00
Total	$5,273	76
Expenses for same period	4,754	00
Cash on hand	519	76

Besides these contributions in cash, there have been received large quantities of provisions, furnishing articles, &c., too numerous to mention here, but which are all specified in our printed Report.

There have been received into the Hospital, since September 1, 1865, 143 patients—85 males, and 58 females, and there have been 21 births, making a total of 164 persons cared for. 124 have been discharged, cured. There have been 6 deaths, and on September 1, 1866, 13 remained under treatment. The average cost of each patient per diem is about 56 cents. Their Nationalities have been—

Canada,	12	Norway,	2
England,	16	Nova Scotia,	2
Germany,	9	Scotland,	1
Ireland,	45	Sweden,	3
United States,	46	Wales,	2
Unknown,	5.		

Their religious beliefs have been—

Baptists,	5	Methodists,	6
Congregationalists,	2	Churchmen,	34
Romanists,	52	Lutherans,	4
Presbyterians,	8	Universalists,	1
None	31		

The Medical and Surgical Department has been entirely under the charge of Dr. John Owens, who has been untiring in his devotion to his charge. His services are wholly gratuitous.

Again we commend our work to your attention, and to the notice of the Convention. We feel that we are doing good—that we are bringing the Church, as a benefactor, to the notice of many who never had heard of it. Our enterprise is a pure work of faith, and therefore it needs the prayers of all our fellow churchmen, that our hope and trust may not fail, but that we may continue, until a noble building, well adorned, shall stand in this city, to the honor of the Church and the glory of God.

CLINTON LOCKE,
President.

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The Rev. C. B. GUILLEMONT, Priest, Missionary to the French, St. Anne, Kankakee County.

The Rev. ELIJAH W. HAGAR,* Priest, residing in Western New York.

The Rev. HENRY T. HIESTER, Priest, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HUTCHINS, Priest, officiating in St. John's Church, Albion.

The Rev. WILLIAM F. B. JACKSON, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

The Rev. PHILIP A. JOHNSON,* Priest, residing at Decatur.

The Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES, Priest, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Chicago.

* Not entitled to seat in Convention.

The Rev. ROBERT J. KEELING, D. D., Priest, Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES V. KELLY, D. D., Priest, Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES, Priest, Canon of the Cathedral Church, Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL, Deacon, Assistant Minister of St. James' Church, Chicago.

The Rev. CLINTON LOCKE, Priest, Rector of Grace Church, Chicago.

The Rev. THOMAS LYLE, Priest, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Evanston.

The Rev. MATTHEW MAGILL,* Priest, residing at Peru.

The Rev. JOHN W. MCCULLOUGH, D. D.,* Priest, residing in Ionia, Michigan.

The Rev. J. AUSTIN MERRICK, D. D.,* Priest, residing at Shelbyville.

The Rev. JAMES S. MCGOWAN, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Lacon.

The Rev. WILLIAM MITCHELL, M. D., Priest, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chester.

The Rev. THOMAS W. MITCHELL, Priest, officiating in Paris.

The Rev. THEODORE N. MORRISON, D. D., Priest, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. FRANCIS B. NASH, Priest, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Tiskilwa, and Zion Church, Providence.

The Rev. JOHN NIGLAS,* Priest, residing in Peoria.

The Rev. JOHN WESLEY OSBORNE, Priest, Missionary at Bement, and on Illinois Central Railroad. P. O., Chicago.

The Rev. ROSWELL PARK, D. D.,* Priest, Principal of Immanuel Hall, Lake View. P. O., Chicago.

The Rev. DUANE S. PHILLIPS, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kankakee.

The Rev. W. J. PIGOTT, Priest, Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Ottawa.

The Rev. JOHN PORTMESS, Priest, Rector of Christ Church, Collinsville.

The Rev. SAMUEL D. PULFORD, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Decatur.

The Rev. E. JAMES PURDY, Priest, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville.

The Rev. WILLIAM W. RAFTER, Priest, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo.

The Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Warsaw.

The Rev. WARREN H. ROBERTS, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peoria.

The Rev. A. B. RUSSELL, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pekin.

The Rev. J. A. RUSSELL,* Priest, Principal of High School, Galva.

The Rev. ROBERT RYALL,* Priest, residing in Missouri.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. RYLANCE, D. D., Priest, Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago.

The Rev. GEORGE SAYRES, Priest, Rector of Grace Church, Rock Island Co.

The Rev. A. W. SNYDER, Priest, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. THOMAS SMITH, B. D.,* Priest, residing in Rockford.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, Priest, officiating at El Paso and Limestone.

The Rev. CHARLES STEWART, Priest, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington.

The Rev. GEORGE C. STREET, Priest, Canon of the Cathedral Church, Chicago.

The Rev. RICHARD F. SWEET, B. D., Priest, Rector of Christ Church, Waukegan.

The Rev. WILLIAM THOMPSON, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Kewanee.

The Rev. ROBERT TREWARTHA, Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's Church, Lee Centre.

The Rev. EDMUND B. TUTTLE, Priest, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. GUSTAV UNONIUS,* Priest, residing in Sweden.

The Rev. J. E. WALTON,* Deacon, officiating in Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

The Rev. SALMON R. WELDON,* Priest, residing in Winnebago.

The Rev. ALBERT E. WELLS, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peru.

The Rev. JOHN R. WEST,* Priest, absent in Europe.

The Rev. JOHN T. WORTHINGTON, D. D.,* Priest, officiating in Pike County. P. O., Pittsfield.

The Rev. JAMES A. WOODWARD,* Priest, residing in Farm Ridge.

WHOLE NUMBER OF CLERGY CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE.

1 Bishop, 83 Priests, 6 Deacons,	90
Number entitled to seats in this Convention	68
Number present entitled to seats	48
Number present not entitled to seats	6
Number absent entitled to seats	20
Number absent not entitled to seats	16

List of Parishes

ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION IN CONVENTION, WITH THE NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

St. John's,	Albion	
St. John's,	Algonquin,	*James Kee, *Wm. Estergreen.
St. Paul's,	Alton,	S. R. Dolbee, J. W. Schweppe, M. M. Dutro.
Trinity,	Belvidere,	C. Curtiss, Sen., J. H. Fitch.
Redeemer,	Cairo,	Horace Wardner, M. D., Samuel B. Halliday, Henry H. Candee.
Ascension,	Chicago,	T. P. Lawrence, *F. B. Peabody, *B. F. Pixley.
Atonement,	Chicago,	Reuben Taylor, John A. J. Kendig, *J. Stiles.
Christ,	Chicago,	A. C. Calkins, Geo. W. Thompson, *R. A. B. Mills.
Grace,	Chicago,	Henry C. Ranney, Chas. H. Brower, W. J. Barney.
St. Ansgarius',	Chicago,	John M. Shonbeck, Hans Jensen, *A. M. Lind.
St. James',	Chicago,	*E. H. Sheldon, J. H. Stokes, E. K. Hubbard.
St. John's,	Chicago,	D. W. Page, Geo. Gardner, C. H. Jordan.
St. Mark's,	Chicago,	Frederick C. Smith, T. J. Mendenhall, M. D., Henry C. Riordan.

The names thus * marked were absent.

St. Stephen's,	Chicago,	Edward Dansen, Sen., J. K. Gooding, E. P. Wood.
Trinity,	Chicago,	Geo. R. Chittenden, *J. H. Roberts, L. B. Otis.
Holy Trinity,	Danville,	
St. John's,	Decatur,	D. C. Lockwood, Lowber Burrowes, Wm. J. Quinlan.
St. Luke's,	Dixon,	*Jas. K. Edsall, Jas. A. Hawley, Franklin Weeks.
Redeemer,	Elgin,	John F. Beaty, Francis Jackson.
St. Mark's,	Evanston,	Chas. Comstock, John H. Kedzie.
Calvary,	Farmington,	*Lyman Warner, Wm. Wilkinson, *Wm. Thos. Bell.
St. Andrew's,	Farm Ridge,	A. W. Griffith, *Egbert Coles, *Jasper Bennett.
Grace,	Galena,	Daniel Le Better, *E. A. Small, *Sam'l B. Heron.
Grace,	Galesburg,	
St. John's,	Gillespie,	R. E. Dorsey, *Charles Francis.
Trinity,	Geneseo,	*W. Hindman, *R. Flint.
St. Mark's,	Geneva,	J. W. Hutchinson, A. W. Glass, *J. F. Warren.
Trinity,	Jacksonville,	
St. Paul's,	Kankakee,	*William Sibley, Emory Cobb, William Stoddard.
St. John's,	Kewanee,	*Ethel V. Bronson, *S. M. Etter, J. Hopkins.
St. James',	Lewistown,	*S. Corning Judd, D. W. C. Bryant, *E. M. M. Clark.
Christ,	Limestone,	James Clark, *George Norwood.
St. Thomas',	Morris,	
St. John's,	Naperville,	Jas. G. Wright, *S. P. Stevens.

Christ,	Ottawa,	J. W. Dow, *Wm. Osman, *J. O. Harris, M. D.
St. Paul's,	Peoria,	Alex. G. Tyng, *Richard F. Seabury, Sam'l Wilkinson.
St. Paul's,	Peru,	Naason Young, James Barton, *Peter Browers.
Redeemer,	Princeton,	Wm. Bacon, M. D.
St. John's,	Quincy,	Francis C. Moore, H. A. Williamson, *A. Niles.
Christ,	Robin's Nest,	*Wm. L. Moss, Joseph Mayo, *Jesse Moss.
Emmanuel,	Rockford,	*R. P. Lane, M. D., S. W. Stone, *H. P. Stockton.
Trinity,	Rock Island,	
St. Thomas',	Salem,	*Robert H. Whittaker, *John W. Merritt.
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	S. H. Treat, Antrim Campbell, N. W. Edwards.
Grace,	Sterling,	L. Hapgood, *Chas. Smith.
St. Peter's,	Sycamore,	F. W. Partridge, *Eldridge G. Wheaton, George Cobb.
St. Jude's,	Tiskilwa,	*A. E. May, *C. N. Stevens, *N. W. Barlow.
St. Paul's,	Warsaw,	Pierre A. Barker, *John W. Marsh, *N. W. Bliss.
Christ,	Waukegan,	Wm. Besley, *Chas. K. Steele, Wm. Freeman.
Redeemer,	Wilmington,	*C. W. Putnam, M. D., *M. S. Hall.
St. Luke's,	Wyoming,	*J. G. Greene, Henry J. Holst.

Rules of Order.

I.—OPENING DEVOTIONS.

Prayers shall be offered on each day, introductory to the business of Convention.

II.—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. He shall take the chair every day, precisely at the hour to which the Convention shall have adjourned; shall call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any two members; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Convention.

3. Questions shall be decided but in this form, viz.: "As many as are of the opinion that, (as the case may be), say Aye," and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion, say No." If the President doubt as to the result of the vote, taken as above, or a division be called for, the Convention shall divide; those in the affirmative shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. No Congregation shall be entitled to be counted as more than one vote amongst the Laity. And an equal division of the Lay Delegates from a Congregation shall neutralize the vote of such Congregation.

4. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Convention; in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if upon such ballot the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the Convention shall proceed to a second ballot; and in case a greater number than is required to compose a complete committee shall have an equal number of votes, the Convention shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.

III.—OF DECORUM AND DEBATE.

5. When the President takes the chair, no member shall stand up except to address the Chair.

6. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

7. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

8. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House.

9. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, unless by consent of two-thirds of the House.

10. While the President is putting any question the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

11. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he is personally interested in the discussion.

12. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it be seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

13. When a question is under consideration no motion shall be received unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence io the order herein named. The motions to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

14. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

15. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the minutes of this House.

16. The reports of all committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion for acceptance, unless recommitted by a vote of the House. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the House, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the House therein.

17. If the question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately; except that a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision, which appeal shall be decided by the House; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without express leave of the House.

19. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition, on a subject different from the one under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

IV.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

20. The business of the House shall be called up and disposed of in the following order, to wit:

1. Communications from the President.
2. Reports from standing Committees.
3. Special Committees, in the order of appointment.
4. Petitions and Memorials.
5. Motions and Resolutions.

JOURNAL.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
August 21st, A. D. 1867.

The Special Convention, in lieu of the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, assembled for Divine Worship in the Cathedral, Chicago, on Wednesday, the 21st day of August, A. D. 1867, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. THOMAS LYLE, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Evanston. The First Lesson read by the Rev. JOHN GIERLOW, Rector of Grace Church, Sterling, and the Second Lesson, by the Rev. J. W. CLARKE, Rector of Zion Church, Freeport. The Rev. D. W. DRESSER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Dixon, said the Creed and the opening Collects, and the Rev. T. N. MORRISON, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville, the Litany.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Right Reverend the BISHOP, assisted in the Epistle and Gospel by the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., and the Rev. CLINTON LOCKE.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. ROBERT J. KEELING, D. D., Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago, from I Timothy, ii: 15.

The Alms at the Offertory, amounting to $53.30, were devoted toward the liquidation of the remaining indebtedness upon the Anglo-American Chapel at Paris.

The Right Reverend the BISHOP proceeded with the Celebration of the Holy Communion, being assisted in the distribution of the elements to the Clergy, Lay Delegates and Congregation present, by the Reverend SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.

Divine Service having been concluded, the Convention met for organization and business at 2½ o'clock, P. M.

The Secretary called the names of the Clergy entitled to seats, when the following were found present:

The Right Rev. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., LL. D., D. D. Oxon.,

The Rev.	C. S. Abbott,	The Rev.	B. F. Fleetwood,
"	Peter Arvedson,	"	John A. Fitch,
"	H. W. Beers,	"	John Gierlow,
"	T. N. Benedict,	"	Charles A. Gilbert,
"	John Benson,	"	William Greene,
"	Jacob Bredberg,	"	C. B. Guillemont,
"	J. S. Chamberlain,	"	William F. B. Jackson,
"	Philander Chase,	"	S. Russell Jones,
"	Samuel Chase, D. D.,	"	Robert J. Keeling, D. D.,
"	John W. Clark,	"	Charles V. Kelly, D. D.,
"	Edwin Coan,	"	John Harris Knowles,
"	James W. Coe,	"	C. W. Leffingwell,
"	William H. Cooper,	"	Clinton Locke,
"	George F. Cushman, D. D.,	"	Thomas Lyle,
"	David W. Dresser,	"	James S. McGowan,
"	Samuel Edson,	"	T. N. Morrison, D. D.,

The Rev. John Wesley Osborne,	The Rev. J. H. Rylance,
" D. S. Phillips,	" Charles Stewart,
" W. J. Pigott,	" R. F. Sweet, B. D.
" Samuel D. Pulford,	" William Thompson,
" Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.,	" E. B. Tuttle,
" A. B. Russell,	" Albert E. Wells.

Whole number entitled to seats, - - - - - - - - - 68
Whole number present, - - - - - - - - - - - 45

There were also present, but not entitled to seats:

The Rev. Erastus De Wolf,	The Rev. J. A. Russell,
" Jonas Greene,	" Thomas Smith, B. D.,
" Philip A. Johnson,	" J. E. Walton.
" Roswell Park, D. D.,	

Those entitled to seats, but not present, were:

The Rev. H. N. Bishop, D. D.,	The Rev. William Mitchell, M. D.,
" Caleb A. Bruce,	" Thomas W. Mitchell,
" John Cauch,	" Francis B. Nash,
" Charles E. Cheney,	" John Portmess,
" Charles P. Clarke,	" E. James Purdy,
" Hiram H. Cole,	" William W. Rafter,
" Sidney Corbett, B. D.,	" Warren H. Roberts,
" Samuel Cowell,	" George Sayres,
" Henry T. Hiester,	" A. W. Snyder,
" Benjamin Hutchins,	" William M. Steel.

There being a quorum of the Clergy, the list of Parishes entitled to representation was read. The Certificates of the Lay Delegates, were, on call, presented, and referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. CLINTON LOCKE and N. W. EDWARDS.

The Committee reported as correct the following:

St. John's,.....Algonquin,..... { James Kee, Wm. Estergreen.

St. Paul's,..... Alton,..... { S. R. Dolbee, J. W. Schweppe, M. M. Dutro.

Redeemer,	Cairo,	Horace Wardner, M. D., Samuel B. Halliday, Henry H. Candee.
Ascension,	Chicago,	T. P. Lawrence, F. B. Peabody, B. F. Pixley.
Atonement,	Chicago,	Reuben Taylor, John A. J. Kendig, J. Stiles.
Christ,	Chicago,	A. C. Calkins, Geo. W. Thompson, R. A. B. Mills.
Grace,	Chicago,	Henry C. Ranney, Chas. H. Brower, W. J. Barney.
St. James',	Chicago,	E. H. Sheldon, J. H. Stokes, E. K. Hubbard.
St. John's,	Chicago,	D. W. Page, Geo. Gardner, C. H. Jordan.
St. Stephen's,	Chicago,	Edward Dansen, Sen., J. K. Gooding, E. P. Wood.
Trinity,	Chicago,	Geo. R. Chittenden, J. H. Roberts, L. B. Otis.
St. John's,	Decatur,	D. C. Lockwood, Lowber Burrowes, Wm. J. Quinlan.
St. Luke's,	Dixon,	Jas. K. Edsall, Jas. A. Hawley, Franklin Weeks.
Redeemer,	Elgin,	John F. Beaty, Francis Jackson.
St. Mark's,	Evanston,	Chas. Comstock, John H. Kedzie.
Calvary,	Farmington,	Lyman Warner, Wm. Wilkinson, Wm. Thos. Bell.
St. Andrew's,	Farm Ridge,	A. W. Griffith, Egbert Coles, Jasper Bennett.
Grace,	Galena,	Daniel Le Better, E. A. Small, Sam'l B. Heron.
St. Paul's,	Kankakee,	William Sibley, Emory Cobb.
St. John's,	Kewanee,	Ethel V. Bronson, S. M. Etter, J. Hopkins.

St. James',	Lewistown,	S. Corning Judd, D. W. C. Bryant, E. M. M. Clark.
Christ,	Ottawa,	J. W. Dow, Wm. Osman, J. O. Harris, M. D.
St. Paul's,	Peoria,	Alex. G. Tyng, Richard F. Seabury, Sam'l Wilkinson.
St. Paul's,	Peru,	Naason Young, James Barton, Peter Browers.
St. John's,	Quincy,	Francis C. Moore, H. A. Williamson, A. Niles.
Christ,	Robin's Nest,	Wm. L. Moss, Joseph Mayo, Jesse Moss.
Emmanuel,	Rockford,	R. P. Lane, M. D., S. W. Stone, H. P. Stockton.
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	S. H. Treat, Antrim Campbell, N. W. Edwards.
Grace,	Sterling,	L. Hapgood, Chas. Smith.
St. Peter's,	Sycamore,	F. W. Partridge, Eldridge G. Wheaton, George Cobb.
St. Paul's,	Warsaw,	Pierre A. Barker, John W. Marsh, N. W. Bliss.
Christ,	Waukegan,	Wm. Besley, Chas. K. Steele, Wm. Freeman.
Redeemer,	Wilmington,	C. W. Putnam, M. D., M. S. Hall.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates, and the following were found present:

S. R. Dolbee, J. W. Schweppe, M. M. Dutro—*St. Paul's, Alton.*
Henry H. Candee—*Redeemer, Cairo.*
J. P. Lawrence—*Ascension, Chicago.*
A. C. Calkins—*Christ, Chicago.*
Chas. H. Brower, Wm. J. Barney—*Grace, Chicago.*
J. H. Stokes, E. K. Hubbard—*St. James', Chicago.*
D. W. Page, Geo. Gardner, C. H. Jordan—*St. John's, Chicago.*
Edward Dansen, Sen., J. K. Gooding, E. P. Wood—*St. Stephen's, Chicago.*

Geo. R. Chittenden, L. B. Otis—*Trinity, Chicago.*
D. C. Lockwood, Lowber Burrowes, Wm. J. Quinlan—*St. John's, Decatur.*
Franklin Weeks—*St. Luke's, Dixon.*
John F. Beaty—*Redeemer, Elgin.*
Chas. Comstock—*St. Mark's, Evanston.*
Wm. Wilkinson—*Calvary, Farmington.*
A. W. Griffith—*St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge.*
Dan'l Le Better—*Grace, Galena.*
Emory Cobb—*St. Paul's, Kankakee.*
D. W. C. Bryant—*St. James', Lewistown.*
J. W. Dow—*Christ, Ottawa.*
Alex. G. Tyng, Samuel Wilkinson—*St. Paul's, Peoria.*
Naason Young—*St. Paul's, Peru.*
Francis C. Moore, H. A. Williamson—*St. John's, Quincy.*
Joseph Mayo—*Christ, Robin's Nest.*
S. W. Stone—*Emmanuel, Rockford.*
S. H. Treat, Antrim Campbell—*St. Paul's, Springfield.*
L. Hapgood—*Grace, Sterling.*
George Cobb—*St. Peter's, Sycamore.*
Pierre A. Barker—*St. Paul's, Warsaw.*
Wm. Besley, Wm. Freeman—*Christ, Waukegan.*
Henry A. Holst—*St. Luke's, Wyoming.*

Whole number of Parishes entitled to representation, - - - - 38
Whole number of Certificates approved, - - - - - - - 33
Whole number of Parishes represented, - - - - - - - 30

There being present a Canonical number of Lay Delegates, thus constituting a quorum of both Orders, the Convention was declared to be duly organized and ready for business.

The following Preamble and Resolution were then presented and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, It being desirable that the Bishop should attend the Conference invited of all the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, at Lambeth, on the 24th of September next, the Bishop, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, and in virtue of the power given him by Article IV of the Constitution, has convened this Special Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, for the purpose of transacting all the business of the Annual Convention, the regular session of which would be on the eleventh day of September next; therefore,

Resolved, That the aforesaid action of the Bishop and Standing Committee is hereby approved; and this Convention is declared to be the Annual Convention of this Diocese for A. D. 1867, and competent as such to transact all the business of an Annual Convention under the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Canons of the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul be, and hereby are, admitted to seats in this Convention.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, There was collected, in St. Paul's Church, Springfield, during the past Conventional year, chiefly through the machinery of the Endowment Fund, the sum of $129.30, which has been paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese; and,

WHEREAS, Said sum was collected and paid with the distinct understanding, on the part of the Rector and Vestry of the Parish and the contributors, that it should be exclusively applied to the Diocesan Fund; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to credit the Parish with said sum in its account with the Diocesan Fund.

The "Rules of Order" were then read.

The election of Secretary being next in order, on motion, the ballot was unanimously dispensed with, and the Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES was re-elected.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. GEORGE P. LEE was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Secretary asked for an Assistant, and nominated the Rev. EDWIN COAN. The nomination was, on motion, confirmed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the privilege be granted to St. Luke's Church, Dixon, Christ Church, Limestone, and Trinity Church, Belvidere, of drawing from their contributions to the Endowment Fund, the sum needed to meet their assessment for the Diocesan Fund for the current year.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Clergymen present not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention, and that they be requested to hand their names to the Secretary.

The Bishop gave notice that the front seats of the East Transept were reserved for this purpose, whereupon the following Clergymen took seats accordingly:

The Rev. S. Y. McMasters, D. D., Rural Dean of the Central Convocation of the Diocese of Minnesota.
The Rev. Brockholst Morgan, of the Diocese of New Jersey.
The Rev. Henry Safford, of the Diocese of Michigan.

The President appointed the following standing Committees:

I. *On the Incorporation of Churches.*—The Rev. T. N. Benedict, S. R. Dolbee, J. W. Dow.

II. *On Finance.*—The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D., D. C. Lockwood, A. C. Calkins.

III. *On Privilege.*—The Rev. Clinton Locke, The Rev. William M. Reynolds, D. D., N. W. Edwards.

IV. *On Legislation.*—The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., The Rev. H. W. Beers, The Rev, Edwin Coan, S. H. Treat, L. B. Otis, Emory Cobb.

V. *On the Extension of the Church.*—The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D. D., The Rev. D. W. Dresser, A. G. Tyng, Geo. R. Chittenden.

VI. *On Unfinished Business.*—The Rev. J. W. Coe, John F. Beaty.

The President also appointed the Inspectors of Elections, as follows:

For Standing Committee:

Clerical Votes.	*Lay Votes.*
The Rev. John Gierlow,	The Rev. S. Edson,
Mr. J. W. Schweppe.	Mr. Edward Dansen.

For Deputies to General Convention:

Clerical Votes.	*Lay Votes.*
The Rev. C. S. Abbott,	The Rev. C. P. Dorset,
Mr. S. W. Stone.	Mr. John W. Shonbeck.

For Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois:

Clerical Votes.	*Lay Votes.*
The Rev. Wm. Greene,	The Rev. Peter Arvedson,
Mr. Samuel Wilkinson.	Mr. L. Hapgood.

Miscellaneous Business.

Miscellaneous Business being in order, a motion to amend Section 1, Canon XIII, as follows, was referred to the Committe on Legislation:

Resolved, That Section 1, Canon XIII, be amended so as to read: "Every parish in the Diocese is hereby annually assessed for Diocesan purposes, a sum equal to —— per cent. upon the salary of its minister. The funds raised under this assessment shall constitute and be called the Diocesan Fund of Illinois."

On motion, a proposed Canon, regarding the mode of electing Bishops, was also referred to the Committee on Legislation.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Trinity Church, Geneseo, be admitted to representation with this Convention, upon payment of assessment due this year.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, St. John's Church, Gillespie, is assessed in the sum of twenty-three dollars, for the Conventional year 1865–66, which assessment really embraces both the parishes of Gillespie and Bunkerhill; and,

WHEREAS, There are not, and never have been, twenty-three Communicants in St. John's Church, Gillespie; therefore,

Resolved, That on the payment of the assessment for the current year, and ten dollars for the years 1865–66, St. John's, Gillespie, be and is hereby declared to have discharged its obligations to the Convention, in this regard, and to be entitled to representation.

On motion, the proposed addition to the third Section of the fifth Article of the Constitution, found on p. 34, Journal of Twenty-ninth Annual Convention, was adopted by an unanimous vote of both Orders.

The adopted addition is as follows :

And the Treasurer, *ex-officio*, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Convention when not a delegate, except that of voting.

On motion, the proposed amendment to Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution, as recorded on pp. 34 and 35 Journal of Twenty-ninth Annual Convention, was unanimously adopted by a vote of both Orders.

The amendment is as follows :

There shall be a Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the first Tuesday after the second Monday of September, annually.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That on the payment of twenty-eight dollars, on the assessment for the current year, the parish of Trinity Church, Aurora, be declared to have discharged its obligations to the Convention, and be admitted to representation.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Trinity Church, Belvidere, having paid its assessment for the current year, be relieved of that of the year preceding—being thirty-one dollars.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet again Thursday, at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Thursday, Aug. 22d, A. D. 1867.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. C. S. ABBOTT. The Rev. J. GIERLOW said the Creed and the concluding Prayers.

The Convention was then called to order by the President, and the roll called by the Secretary.

The minutes were read and approved.

A petition was read from the Church of the Redeemer, Princeton, as follows:

The Redeemer's Church, Princeton, represents that it has paid its Diocesan assessment for 1867, but is in arrears for 1866. That in its efforts to erect a Church edifice, its pecuniary resources are, at present, exhausted. It prays the Convention to remit its dues for 1866, and admit its Delegate to a seat.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the amount due the Diocesan Fund for the year 1866, from "The Redeemer's Church, Princeton," be remitted, and its Delegate be admitted to a seat in the Convention.

The certificates of Lay Delegates, not presented the day before, were then called for, whereupon the following were laid upon the Secretary's table, and approved by the Committee:

St. John's,	Naperville,	Jas. G. Wright, S. P. Stevens.
Redeemer,	Princeton,	Wm. Bacon, M. D.

The names of Lay Delegates, not present before, were then called, when the following answered to their names:

James G. Wright,.....*St. John's, Naperville.*
W. Bacon, M. D.,.....*Redeemer, Princeton.*
J. W. Hutchinson,.....*St. Mark's, Geneva.*
A. W. Glass,..... " "
James Barton,.....*St. Paul's, Peru.*
James A. Hawley,.....*St. Luke's, Dixon.*
John H. Kedzie,.....*St. Mark's, Evanston.*
J. Hopkins,.....*St. John's, Kewanee.*
William Stoddard,.....*St. Paul's, Kankakee.*
Geo. W. Thompson,.....*Christ, Chicago.*

The Right Reverend the BISHOP of the Diocese then read his Sixteenth Annual Address.

At its conclusion, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Organization of Vestries, be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the Cathedral system, was referred to a committee of three.

Said Committee consisted of

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Mr. L. B. Otis.
" H. W. Beers,

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address touching Marriage and Divorce, was referred to a committee of three.

Said Committee was as follows:

The Rev. Clinton Locke, Mr. Geo. W. Thompson.
" Geo. F. Cushman, D. D.,

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address, in which the subject of Rural Deanries was treated, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address relating to England, was referred to a committee of five, as follows:

The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D., Mr. D. W. Page,
" J. H. Rylance, " H. A. Williamson.
" Edwin Coan,

The Report of the Standing Committee was presented and read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE FOR THE CONVENTIONAL YEAR 1866-7.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully report, as follows:

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, September 12th, 1866, The Revs. Clinton Locke, H. W. Beers, and H. N. Bishop, D. D., and Messrs. A. C. Calkins, G. R. Chittenden, and C. R. Larrabee, were elected the Standing Committee.

SEPT. 13th, 1866.—The Committee met in the Cathedral and organized by the election of Rev. Clinton Locke, President, and Mr. C. R. Larrabee, Secretary.

SEPT. 18th.—The Committee met at the office of Mr. Chittenden.

Accepted the transfer of Rev. John W. Clark from the Diocese of New Hampshire.

Granted Letters Dimissory to Rev. Anson Clark, transferring him to the Diocese of Ohio.

Signed testimonials recommending Rev. Edward C. Porter and Dewitt C. Howard, Deacons, for Priests' Orders.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board the following Stations, Missionaries, and Stipends:

Morris,	Rev.	W. J. Pigott,	Stipend,	$200.00
Algonquin	"	Peter Arvedson,	"	250.00
Collinsville,	"	John Portmess,	"	150.00
Geneseo,	"	P. B. Morrison,	"	200.00
Geneva,			"	200.00
Lee Centre,	"	R. Trewartha,	"	150.00
Pekin and Fremont,	"	W. M. Steel,	"	150.00
Rushville,			"	150.00
Paris and Shelbyville,	"	T. W. Mitchell,	"	200.00
Warsaw,	"	W. M. Reynolds, D. D.,	"	200.00
Peoria County,	"	J. S. Chamberlain, (Itinerant)	"	200.00
Chicago, St. Ansgarius,	"	J. Bredberg,	"	250.00
St. Anne, (near Kankakee),	"	Chas. Guillemont,	"	150.00
Mound City,			"	300.00
Normal,			"	500.00
Catlin,			"	200.00
Belvidere,	"	W. H. Cooper,	"	250.00

Licensed as Lay Reader, Mr. Shepherd Johnson, in the Parish of St. John's Church, Chicago.

OCT. 22d.—Granted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Silas Totten, D. D., to Diocese of Kentucky, and Rev. Gustavus C. Bird, to Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Nov. 6th.—Granted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. D. C. Howard to the Diocese of Michigan, and Rev. John Trimble to the Diocese of Maryland.

Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Wm. Thompson from the Diocese of Ohio, and Rev. Chas. V. Kelley, D. D., from the Diocese of Wisconsin.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. Caleb A. Bruce, as Missionary at Galesburg, with a stipend of $200, and Rev. Jas. McGowan, as Missionary at Lacon, stipend $150.

Recommended to the Domestic Committee of the General Board of Missions, Rev. Wm. Thompson, as Missionary at Kewanee.

Approved the general features of the plan of work proposed by the Diocesan Missionary Board, and recommended that the salaries of their proposed *Itinerancies* be $1,000.

DEC. 29th.—Granted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Henry H. De Garmo to the Diocese of Indiana.

Accepted Letter Dimissory, transferring Rev. Jno. T. Worthington from the Diocese of Missouri.

Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of Rev. Henry A. Neeley, Bishop Elect, of Maine.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. John W. Clark, as Missionary at Lewiston, with stipend of $200. Also, that the stipend of Rev. Chas. Guillemont, Missionary at St. Anne, be increased to $200 per annum.

Licensed, as Lay Readers, the following gentlemen: Mr. Henry C. Ranney, in Parish of Grace Church, Chicago; Mr. John S. Quick, in Mission of St. John's Church, at Harlem; Messrs. J. H. Vermilye and Samuel Gehr, of Church of the Ascension, Chicago.

JAN. 3d, 1867.—Authorized the insertion, in the "*American Churchman*," of an advertisement, inviting correspondence from Clergymen willing to be Itinerants in this Diocese, with a stipend of $1,000, afterwards raised to $1,200.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, the employment of Rev. Mr. Cauch in the vicinity of Belvidere, with a stipend of $50.

JAN. 29th.—Ordered, that the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy be divided between Revs. Chas. P. Clarke, Asa Griswold and Benj. Hutchins.

Recommended to the Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions, Rev. R. Trewartha, for Chesterfield, at a stipend of $100; and Rev. Jno. Worthington, as Missionary in Pike County, with a stipend of $300.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. John Fitch, as Missionary in Spring Township, with a stipend of $75.

FEB. 2d.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of Rev. D. S. Tuttle, Missionary Bishop Elect of Montana.

Nominated to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. J. Austin Merrick, D. D., to fill an Itinerancy, with Carlinville as the centre of his field, at a stipend of $1,000 per annum, and $200 for outfit.

Rev. E. B. Tuttle, of St. Mark's Church, Cottage Grove, was recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board for a stipend of $100, in consideration of Missionary work already performed in that vicinity.

Set forth, and signed, a Memorial to the Legislature of this State, touching certain acts of incorporation, as instructed by resolution of the Convention of 1866, on pp. 56–57 of Convention Journal.

FEB. 26th.—Granted Letters Dimissory to the following Clergymen: Rev. C. H. Albert, transferring him to the Diocese of Arkansas; Rev. John Foster, transferring him to the Diocese of Missouri; Rev. P. B. Morrison, transferring him to the jurisdiction of the Missionary Bishop of Nebraska.

Accepted Letter Dimissory, transferring Rev. Ed. Coan from the Diocese of Western New York.

MARCH 23d.—Signed Testimonials of Rev. A. W. Snyder, Deacon, recommending him for Priest's Orders, and of Messrs. B. Frank Fleetwood and Chas. W. Leffingwell, recommending them to the Bishop for Deacon's Orders.

MARCH 28th.—Signed Testimonials of Rev. Wm. J. Pigott, Deacon, recommending him to the Bishop for Priest's Orders.

JUNE 25th.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of Rev. J. Freeman Young, S. T. D., Bishop Elect of Florida.

Declined to sign Testimonials of Rev. F. M. Whittle, Assistant Bishop Elect of Virginia, for Canonical reasons.

JULY 16th.—Signed an Address to the Bishop of the Diocese, advising the call of a Special Convention, to meet on the 21st of August, to take the place of the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Diocese.

CLINTON LOCKE, *President.*

C. R. LARRABEE, *Secretary.*

The Report of the Board of Missions was next presented and read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Diocese of Illinois respectfully report, that immediately at the adjournment of last Convention, it was organized by the election of Rev. C. E. Cheney as Secretary; and, after consultation, the members agreed upon $5,000 as the minimum sum of money to be raised during the year to meet the Missionary needs of the Diocese.

The first business meeting was held in St. Paul's Parish, Peoria, and, as its first work, placed upon record the following Preamble and Resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Missionary Board hold their first stated meeting, by appointment, at Peoria; and,

WHEREAS, The Board think it indispensable that no delay should be had in acting upon the nominations made by the Standing Committee, and doing such other work as the great Missionary demands of the Diocese require;

Resolved, That we regret the absence of the Bishop (the head of the Board) at this, its first meeting;

Resolved, That we shall hail with pleasure his return, and his presence at our future Meetings; and that as this Board is appointed as a more active auxiliary in the work of Diocesan Missions, we pledge ourselves as members, to a cordial co-operation with him, who is, by his office, the head of that branch of Church work in the Diocese.

Having thus declared what was deemed the true position of the Board, its members proceeded, with prayerful consideration, to the task before them. Owing to the absence of the Bishop, and the want of individual acquaintance with the recent Missionary work, character of Stations, their capacity for future development and strength, and the immense territory to be covered, much embarrassment was felt in this portion of their work.

The then existing Missionary Stations and work could not be rudely and suddenly left unsupported, and a new system be inaugurated, even had such a plan been presented and found superior, and so the Board confirmed the nominations of the Standing Committee, (acting as the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese,) so far as they related to Stations occupied by a Missionary. By this action, all the old work of the Diocese was sustained and carried forward.

Sensible of the great injustice before that time sustained by the Missionaries in the irregular and uncertain payments of the stipends, oftentimes amounting to a non-payment of a respectable portion of the same, the Board considered itself bound to the persistent and personal effort of its members to lay before the members of the Church in this Diocese the claims of herself and her Master and Head, in this respect, so that their offering of means might be more ample, and that the laborers should be promptly and fully paid.

In the plan adopted to secure this result, the aid secured by the resolution so unanimously adopted by the Clergy in Convention assembled, to give "one Sunday in each quarter for Missionary work at such point as the Bishop might request," was largely counted upon as a new element of strength and activity, and there was founded upon this, a series of meetings, (or Convocations, so-called, for want of a better term,) itinerating throughout the Diocese; having for their object—the greater unity of the Clergy in consultation, and co-operation with each other; the direct appeal to the people for greater interest and self-sacrifice, and with this, laying before them a brief statement of the preceding work, the present situation, and the

future wants; and also to induce the actual, outspoken, and practical indorsement of the Laity, both in the general and also in such local work as might present itself in their neighborhoods.

These meetings were to be attended by two of the Clergy, to be invited by the Bishop, one member of the Board, and such other attendance, clerical and lay, as the surroundings would warrant; to commence with Friday evening service, continuing through Saturday with such service as the resident minister should indicate, and on Sunday morning; the sermons, or lectures, all to bear upon the great subject of Missions; and closing with an informal meeting on Sunday evening, consisting mainly of appeals and short addresses from Clergy and Laity, both resident and foreign; and receiving the pledges of the Parish for an offering, to be made good during the year, for the aid of Diocesan Missions.

The Board, also, were strongly impressed with the idea, that much greater success might be attained, if the whole character of Missionary work could be elevated to its proper dignity. Practically, Parochial work and cares had taken the first place, and the Missionary work had been consigned to a secondary position; hence the Missionary Clergyman was found in a small, weak Parish, doing such duty as he might with small means at his command, working single-handed within his own Parish, oppressed with care and anxiety, and enabled only to present the Church in her poverty and barrenness. To remedy this, one and the principal means devised was to introduce a plan of itinerating missions—meaning, briefly, to select a section of country, easy of access, by railroad, or other public means of communication, and make it the Missionary field of some one man, the Missionary Treasury placing in his hands a comfortable subsistence for himself and family, and he to go forth in God's name, to do His work according to the ability given him; relieved from temporal care, and so far entirely independent of the people among whom he should minister.

This latter action was duly communicated to the Standing Committee, in form, recommending the services of four such Itinerants, at a salary of $1,000 each.

At its next meeting the Board further acted upon subjects connected with the Itinerant work, declaring that no salary as such should be received by the Itinerant, from the people, but that all funds given him should belong to the Missionary Treasury; recommending,

however, that he should always stimulate the people to give of their means as a part of their duty to God, and suggesting that these gifts should be turned into a local channel, viz.: To provide a comfortable room for holding services, books and the necessary accessories, so that the services might be fairly and understandingly set before the people; to provide a Church as soon as able—the support of all which objects should be considered as helps to the Missionary Treasury of the Diocese.

The Board also offered to receive offerings from the Mission Stations, and hold them in trust for a time, to be subject to the order of the Station, countersigned by the Bishop, for the purpose of aiding them in the erection of a Church, the deposit to draw interest. Such a policy adopted and acted upon might, in time, become a valuable auxiliary to Church extension in the Diocese.

The first business of the Board was to devise means for a largely increased work. For this purpose, at the earlier of the Itinerant meetings, the appeal for means was plainly and prominently set before the different congregations. The first meeting, in Peoria, produced a response altogether exceeding the fondest anticipations, and amounted to over one-half of all the Missionary offerings of all the Parishes in the Diocese during the preceding year. Without ever experiencing an equal degree of success in any other Parish, the Board, with grateful thanksgiving to God, gladly say, that no appeal has been made during the year, that has not returned its thirty, sixty, or an hundred fold. Everywhere, Parishes, great and small, have responded to the call, and almost visibly has the blessing of God followed such action, and proved, "that it was better to give than to receive."

These meetings were continued uninterruptedly from Advent to Lent, when they were discontinued to be resumed after Easter. Meantime, the Bishop's return, and the incidents connected therewith, and the pressure upon his time, led to the passage of some two months before the meetings of the Board were resumed, since which time, until about August 1st, the same system of meetings has been sustained.

It soon became evident that time and care must be expended in the selection of Itinerant Missionaries. Peculiar characteristics were required, and the Church could not afford a mistake in this respect. There are local Missionaries in the Diocese, who, in such place, might

do great work for God and His Church; but such change might sacrifice all, or very much of, the fruits of past labor in their own charges. The intimate and sacred ties which bind Priest and People should not be lightly sundered. The Board have seen sad proofs of this during the past year, and have felt a sympathy for the disappointments which a Bishop must often and continually experience from this unfortunately too prevalent habit; mainly for this reason, and by advising with the Ecclesiastical authority, the look for Itinerants was chiefly outward, and hitherto has been unsuccessful.

With but one Itinerant in the field, the receipts were found abundant for the Missionary Staff—now considerably augmented from its original number—and latterly the appeals to the Church men and women have been less for money and more for personal response in work and prayers, in the fulfillment of their Baptismal obligations.

It can truly be affirmed, that the response in this direction has not been less marked than in the other, and many instances of personal and Parish devotion to a greatly increased activeness in work for others, and in self-consecration to God, has, by His blessing, been incited by such familiar and frequent intercourse in matters pertaining to this work of Christ.

Some twenty of these meetings have been held in different parts of the Diocese. The Clergy have nobly responded to the calls made upon them, and the Board are glad of this public opportunity to attribute a very large proportion of the benefits and gains to their action. Without this, the results must have been feeble and imperceptible; with it, it can hardly be gainsayed, that a great change has been accomplished in the Diocese.

The call upon them has not only been of time and talent, but also of that which, perhaps, entailed more self-denial than either—of their means; and although the attempt was always made to require short travel, yet still, at times, the expense was quite considerable. It would be right, could the Missionary Treasury bear the burden, for it to pay the necessary expenses of the attendant Clergy—and lacking that, the Parish of the visiting Priest should thus much share in his labors and love for Christ's work, and themselves be at the cost.

In this connection, brief reference is made to the general objection, often met, coming from the Clergy, viz.: Disinclination to be

absent from their Parishes on Sunday, and the consequent closing of the Parish Church, and the temporary absence of the public services. The reply may be two-fold:

First, That the Clergyman is still in the line of duty; that their whole duty is not confined to Parochial bounds—nor in the line of duty can it be. The Clergy are all members of the Church Catholic, and their sympathies and duties must correspond in this extent. Besides which, so diverse are the gifts and personal influence of the Clergy, that the single day's service of the visiting Clergyman might carry convictions of neglected duty and rejected love to a soul, which hitherto the resident minister could not touch or influence, and,

Second, The consequence is not a necessary one, that the Parish Church should be closed. The congregation of every Parish Church should always furnish one or more Christian men, who are able and willing to stand forth and lead the people in their public worship.

In this way, again, the Laity are actively co-operating with the Clergy, in the Missionary labors of the Church.

With such views pressing upon them, and after full consultation, the Board passed a resolution requesting the Bishop (if consistent with his judgment,) to license a Lay Reader in every Parish in the Diocese.

To what extent (if any) this has been done, we are ignorant. It is fervently hoped, however, that the Clergy will not press this objection to Missionary work, but will again renew their determination to give one Sunday in each quarter to such point as the Bishop may designate.

The amounts of pledged subscriptions have been as follows, in the order here given, viz.:

		PLEDGED.	PAID.*
St. Paul's,	Peoria,	$1,060.00	$835.00
Grace,	Chicago,	500.00	288.36
Christ Church,	Chicago,	500.00	293.57
Grace,	Galena,	84.26	57.76
St. Luke's,	Dixon,	125.00	60.54
St. Paul's,	Warsaw,	50.00	30.00
Trinity,	Jacksonville,	400.00	267.00
Emmanuel,	Rockford,	140.00	60.30
Zion,	Freeport,	100.00	

* These payments are only up to time of making report. The full result will appear next year.

		PLEDGED.	PAID.
St. James',	Chicago,	$1,000.00	$1,022.57
St. John's,	Chicago,	250.00	250.00
Christ Church,	Joliet,	100.00	56.35
St. John's,	Quincy,	500.00	291.71
Christ Church,	Waukegan,	168.00	207.98
St. Paul's,	Alton,	110.00	110.00
St. James',	Lewistown,	100.00	59.60
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	250.00	168.88
St. Paul's,	Pekin,	125.00	
St. John's,	Kewanee,	110.00	60.80
Personal pledges not included above,		400.00	
		$6,072.26	$4,119.92

The results of last two Convocations have not been obtained, and no estimate of their financial help is here given.

The most of these pledges were absolute, some few rather understood, but coming with such directness as to commend belief.

The pledges, in many of the later cases, are supposed to be understood by the Parishes as extending through a year from the time of making. They should however have been understood as extending only to Convention, and amounts been made to correspond therewith, and then to be renewed immediately at the beginning of a new year. Only one Parish pledge was conditionally made; and that has not been fulfilled. And in the same connection, it may be said that only two of the Clergy declined the visitations to which they were invited, for other than local and imperative reasons.

During the winter, the Secretary, for reasons assigned, felt compelled to withdraw from active co-operation with the Board, and to resign his position as a member thereof. The resignation was not accepted, as there was at least question of the power to accept it, and that was left for the Convention at large. The resignation as Secretary was also left unaccepted, but the duties assumed by another member. The Board publicly regret the severance of these official ties—which action was pressed against the official and personal arguments and protests of the Board and its members. Not sympathizing in the views, the Board felt compelled to accede to the choice, and to respect the integrity of the motives actuating, and thus the severance was effected in sorrow, but in Christian love and charity, and thus was lost the assistance of an active and most valuable member, and a greater amount of duty devolved upon the remaining members.

Quite a large number of outlying Missionary posts have been established during the year, both by Parish Priests and by Local Missionaries — and in this way, quite a large amount of new territory has been occupied more or less resolutely and effectively by the Church. Here, too, is immediate work for the Laity, in actively supporting their minister in this work, and where the good results are immediately visible under God. The Missionaries have rendered to the Board quarterly reports of the condition and prospects of the outlying country, whereby much valuable information has been gathered. An invitation was extended to the Parochial Clergy, in like manner, to give such information regarding the country surrounding their Parishes, but to a large extent has met with no response. Such information might easily be gathered, with little trouble to the whole body of Clergy, and would prove, at short interval of time, most valuable to the Bishop and whoever should be associated with him in this department of work.

Late in the year, the Board, after much consultation, determined to procure the services of a Colporteur, or book-hawker, to aid in Missionary work, by the sale of Church books and the distribution of tracts, etc. In this way, a large fund of information respecting the Church and her essentials might quietly be spread through the community, and be a valuable auxiliary in breaking down prejudices having their origin in ignorance and misrepresentation. Quite favorable arrangements were made with the Church Book Societies for the necessary supply of books, but as yet no suitable person has been found to assume the position. The Board would, however, strongly recommend to their successors the employment of this agency, as being a direct Missionary work, and so fairly within the scope of their duties.

The members composing the Board of Missions cannot close this First Annual Report without grateful thanks to Almighty God for all the rich mercies He has bestowed upon them in the performance of this their duty; that He has protected them in their going out and coming in; that He has answered unto them, as they have knelt together before Him, asking guidance and knowledge; that He has opened unto them the hearts of Christian brethren, and that He has so manifestly shed abroad the influences of His Holy Spirit in so many of the assemblies which have been gathered under the system which they have inaugurated.

Counting themselves as but humble instruments in His hands, confused with the magnitude of the work placed before them, confessing that by them very little has been done, yet they surrender the trust with a consciousness of a hearty desire to do their duty; and with fervent prayer that to their successors God may yield a greater reward, and to His Church a richer blessing, and to all the people a clearer knowledge and a more fervent desire to do their duty in that station in which He has placed them, as Missionaries of the Cross.

Rev. T. N. MORRISON.
Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAIN.
ALEX. G. TYNG.
GEO. P. LEE.

The Board submit the following Resolutions to the Convention, as indicative of their views, and requesting their action thereupon:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Convention, every baptized person is thereby pledged *as a Missionary* to Christ and to His Church, according to the ability and opportunity given him.

Resolved, That the vast portions of this Diocese where the Church has never entered, all yet to be occupied, demand of all Christians within its borders *the full performance of their duty;* associated together as Parishes, and personally as children of God and members of Christ.

Resolved, That, beyond the local work already partially supported from the Missionary Treasury, this Convention recommends Itinerant Missions, as a more direct and feasible plan for reaching the hearts and influencing the lives of strangers to the Church.

Resolved, That the Clergy of the Diocese are requested to furnish to the Missionary Board, quarterly or semi-annual reports, embracing the general characteristics of the population in the neighborhoods surrounding their Parishes; the dominant religious belief; if sufficiently supplied with religious instruction, and if, in any locality, an attempt to plant the Church might be fairly adjudged hopeful of success; and that the Secretary of the Board be requested so to arrange such information that it may be permanently and easily accessible.

Resolved, That the distribution and sale of Church Books is commended by this body as an important agent in Missionary work.

On motion, the Resolutions appended to the foregoing Report were made the order of the day, after recess.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 2½ o'clock, P. M.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the President.

The Resolutions appended to the Report of the Board of Missions were then severally discussed and adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention has heard, with great gladness of heart, the Report of the Board of Missions for the year just past, and we, the Clergy and Laity constituting this Convention, pledge ourselves and our Parishes to a renewed and more zealous co-operation with the Committee in the prosecution of the work of Missions in the Diocese of Illinois.

On motion, the Resolution at foot of p. 57, Journal of Twenty-ninth Annual Convention, was re-affirmed, as follows :

Resolved, That every Clergyman in this Diocese give one Sunday in every quarter to Diocesan Missions, at the request of the Bishop, to visit such points as he may direct.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That two thousand copies of the Missionary Report be published for the benefit of the Parishes in the Diocese.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed nine hundred copies of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and send two copies to each of the members of the Convention, and one copy to every ten Communicants in each Parish and the usual copies to the Bishops, Secretaries of the Convention, and periodicals of the Church ; and that he cause to be printed five hundred extra copies of the Bishop's Address, in separate pamphlet form ; and that every Clergyman in the Diocese be requested to read the same in his pulpit ; and also, that the Secretary seek proposals from various printing offices for the printing of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and select from the same at his discretion.

The Report of the Sunday School Committee was then presented and read.

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Sunday Schools, appointed at the last Convention, respectfully report:

The Sunday School is one of the chief agencies which is now used in presenting the truths of God's Word to the minds and hearts of children and youth. It is an agency of unquestioned power, when faithfully and legitimately used. Instead, however, of making it a happy and effective auxiliary of the Church, unfortunately, the two are actually, if not apparently, too widely separated.

The teaching in our Sunday Schools is often inefficient, shallow and defective; and this loose and pointless instruction is deemed sufficient for the child, and the great fact that Baptism makes him a member of God's Kingdom on earth, with the most beautiful and sacred responsibilities growing out of the same, if not entirely passed over, is very lightly impressed. But there is no dividing line between parents and children; the two classes together constitute the church. When this great truth of God's own appointment is loosely held, or entirely passed over, how can we expect that our children, as they grow older, will to any great extent openly and faithfully assume their Baptismal vows? While "all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health" are to be carefully taught, the covenanted obligations of Baptism are the very foundation through the grace of God for the witnessing a good confession.

The human mind and heart are the same in all ages. To train the soul in the ways of God needs line upon line, precept upon precept. God gave the most specific directions to the members of the Jewish Church as to impressing His covenanted blessing upon the hearts of their children: "Ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way; when thou liest down and when thou risest up." And can it be possible that less care is needed in the Christian Church, and at the present time when principles are taught, and books are scattered in every community most disastrous to a faithful Christian life?

Unless children are faithfully, tenderly and affectionately taught their obligations to God, their position in the Church, and her faith and worship, it must be expected that, in a multitude of cases, they will abandon their allegiance to the Covenant of God, and the Communion of the Church. How much more noble and blessed a thing it is, therefore, to train the children of our Sunday Schools in the distinctive features of the Church, and of the Gospel of Christ, as taught by His Church, than to fill their minds with vague and indefinite notions of religion, and leave them at last to float through the world without positive convictions, with no fixed principles, and no special love for any particular Communion.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend to the Clergy of the Diocese, the most careful supervision of their Sunday Schools, in order that the lambs of the flock may have secured to them spiritual adoption, and be made living members of Christ. And in this connection the co-operation of the Laity of every Parish is emphatically urged. There is a fearful apathy resting upon the people generally, and especially upon parents, touching this subject.

The object of the Sunday School is one, and only one—the making the child, by God's grace, a holy and practical exemplification of the religion of Christ—not in the world—not in any of the surrounding religious bodies, but in the Protestant Episcopal Church. And this end cannot be effectively reached without the special aid of parents and teachers. The plea which is sometimes offered, that the child should be taught the general doctrines of religion, and left to make his own choice of a Church in the future, is faithless and unchristian. Such a system of instruction is not likely to fasten the person to the Church in adult years, even in an outward and formal way. If the efforts of pastor and people, in every Parish, were thoroughly and actively united in the great work of training the young in the worship and doctrines of the Church, we believe that large numbers of children who are now lost to the Church, and perhaps to God, would be kept under the restraining and guiding influences of our own forms of worship, and thus brought to a saving knowledge of the Saviour.

It is earnestly hoped that our present Sunday School system may speedily undergo such modifications as shall render it what it ought to be, and what it was designed to be, a faithful auxiliary of the

Church—when what is valuable in it shall be retained, and what is spurious cast away; when, through its agency, the children shall be taught that there is a recognized place for them in, and only in the Church, and parent and child shall worship together in one House of God.

The question of Parish Schools was ably and faithfully presented to the Convention one year ago. The present Committee ask the privilege of calling again the attention of the Convention to this important subject. They do not expect to add force or argument to what was said in the Report at the last Convention, but rather to keep the subject prominently before the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese. The great object is, in all of our efforts, to bring children to a saving knowledge of Christ; and one important step towards this end is accomplished when they are made to feel that they belong to, and are actually part of, the Parish.

In the Parish School the various common branches of secular knowledge are pursued, but moral and spiritual training is given a prominent place. Here that dark feature, which is often apparent in our public schools, disappears. The children are frequently under the loving eye of the Pastor of the Parish, and prayer, chant, catechism and hymn, form a part of the order of each day. We cannot too carefully watch over our children in their early educational acquirements, in order that they may escape the desolating errors of the day. We can train our children in all respects in the Church, if we desire, and thus save them from the unconscious, but evil influence, which is sure to gather around them in those systems of education, which are so common in our towns and cities, and from which all knowledge of God and His Word are banished.

In the Parish School, all is permeated, and made fragrant and beautiful with God's Holy Religion. When the moral and the intellectual principles are nourished together, then neither fall into a dwarfed or disabled state. The rounds of speculation, cavil, and unbelief, are avoided, and the mind and heart are likely to stand fast in the faith of God, and do it honor.

This is the work, in its wider and larger aspect, that lies before the Church. What sight can fill us with a loftier inspiration, or nerve us to a sublimer effort? How long will the Churchmen of this Diocese be satisfied with any cheaper or less noble way of training

their children? May God open our minds to the greatness of His Church. Some may look with indifference, and others with distrust upon a radical system of training in the Church, but we believe God will endorse it with success. He is rebuking us for our tardiness, by the successful example of other Dioceses in this great work.

Let us begin, feeling that our efforts also will be visibly and consciously gilded by the smile of Heaven.

W. H. ROBERTS,
GEO. P. LEE, } *Committee.*

On motion, it was laid upon the table for further discussion, and the Convention took a further recess until half past 7 o'clock, P. M.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the President called the Convention to order.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following Reports:

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation report adversely to any change in Canon XIII, entitled "Diocesan Fund."

SAMUEL CHASE, *Chairman of Committee.*

The majority of the Committee on Legislation report favorably on the proposed Canon, respecting the method of electing a Bishop in this Diocese.

SAMUEL CHASE, *Chairman of Committee.*

Said Canon is as follows:

ARTICLE XV.

ELECTION OF BISHOP.

SECTION 2. The Election shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy and the order of the Laity in open Convention, and in the presence of each other, shall each separately, nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for the office of Bishop of this Diocese.

If two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to vote, be present, and two-thirds of all the Parishes entitled to vote, be represented, then a majority of each order concurring, shall determine a choice. Should there not be two-thirds of the Clergy and congregations present, then two-thirds of the votes of each order concurring, shall be necessary to determine a choice.

And upon the election being made as aforesaid, the members of the Convention, before final adjournment, shall sign a certificate of election, in the form prescribed by Section II, of Canon XIII, of the Digest of Canons, which shall be delivered by the Secretary of the Convention to the Bishop elect.

On motion, all further action on the above was postponed until the next annual Convention.

The Treasurer of the Convention presented and read his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Sunday School Committee was taken up for consideration, and, on motion, the Resolutions found on p. 52, Journal of Twenty-ninth Annual Convention were re-affirmed.

Said Resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That this Convention re-affirms its opinions as expressed at the last Diocesan Convention, in relation to the Sunday Schools of the Church; and again requests the Clergy, each and all, to make Reports annually to the Sunday School Committee, upon the statistics required in the new class book. Said reports to be made as early as September in each year.

Resolved, That the subject of Christian education is one of vital importance to the prosperity not only of the Church, but also of the Nation; that in this Diocese the need and opportunity for Church Schools are great, and demands our warmest interest and hearty endeavors; that in the successful establishment of such schools, lies the shortest path for rapid and enduring Church growth and strength—and such interests and endeavors are hereby warmly commended to the favorable consideration of every member of the Church.

An ineffectual motion was made to dispense with the ballot for the purpose of electing as members of the Standing Committee, the following:

The Rev. Clinton Locke,	Mr. G. R. Chittenden,
" " H. W. Beers,	" C. R. Larrabee,
" " J. H. Rylance, D. D.	" A. C. Calkins.

The Convention then went into an election for members of Standing Committee.

Pending the result of the ballot, the Committee on Finance presented the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report, have examined the same, and found it to be correct.

T. N. MORRISON,
A. C. CALKINS.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to employ an assistant, and pay him a reasonable compensation out of the Diocesan Fund.

On motion, the Report of the Endowment Fund Committee was made the order of the day for Friday.

The Committee on the Episcopal Residence made a verbal report.

On motion, said Committee was continued, with power to act.

The Inspectors of Election for members of the Standing Committee being ready to declare the result

of the ballot, just had, reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected :

The Rev. H. W. Beers, D. D.,	Mr. A. C. Calkins,
" Clinton Locke,	" G. R. Chittenden,
" J. H. Rylance, D. D.	" C. R. Larrabee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet again on Friday morning at nine o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Friday, Aug. 23d, A. D. 1867.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the end of the Collects by the Rev. CHARLES A. GILBERT, Rector of Christ Church, Joliet. The Lessons were read by the Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's, Warsaw. The Rev. C. P. DORSET, Canon of the Cathedral, said the Litany and concluding Prayers.

The Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Treasurer's Report as relates to the Bonded Debt of this Diocese, be referred to a Special Committee of three, to report to this Convention a plan for the liquidation of said Debt, at the earliest practicable time.

The Chair appointed as said Committee:

The Rev. J. S. Chamberlain, Mr. E. K. Hubbard,
Mr. A. G. Tyng.

The Endowment Fund Committee presented and read the following:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE.

To the Diocese of Illinois, in Convention, August, 1867:

The Endowment Committee beg leave to report: There have been several meetings of the Committee, during the past Conventional year. Letters have been written, and personally addressed to the Clergy and Wardens of the several Parishes throughout the Diocese, for the purpose of creating an interest in, and giving direction to the operation of this plan in each Parish.

There have been ordered, and forwarded, 303 Endowment Fund Boxes, to be placed in families throughout the Diocese. There are remaining in the hands of the Committee sixty Boxes not yet distributed.

The whole number of Boxes distributed since the organization of this plan in the Diocese, is over 1,000.

The expenses of the Endowment Committee for the past year are $90.65.

It is impossible to give an accurate statement of the full income from this source, during the past year, owing to an earlier meeting of the Convention than usual. The Reports have been incomplete. An approximation to the amount which will be received, may be learned from the Treasurer's Report; also the Parishes which have contributed.

By the action of the last Convention, it is well understood that 50 per cent. of the proceeds of the Endowment Fund are given to the Missionary Work of the Diocese, 25 per cent. to the payment of its Bonded Debt and 25 per cent. to the Endowment of the Episcopate. During the past year, owing to the noble efforts which have been put forth in that direction, many Parishes have given liberally to the Missionary Work of the Diocese. Several Parishes, in such case, have considered themselves excused from giving to the Endowment Fund. Therefore, the giving to the Endowment Fund has not been so general in all the Parishes this, as last year.

The Committee believe this to be the true and permanent plan for raising money; that when all plans for raising money in large amounts by a few, may have been tried, and perhaps may fail, yet this plan of giving in small amounts by the many, will be sustained and approved.

The Committee recommend to the Clergy and Laity in this Convention assembled, and through them to the good people of our beloved Church throughout the Diocese, to place an Endowment Fund Box in each and every one of your families. Establish the *rigid* and *unchanging* custom of calling your family around you upon each Sunday, that the children, and each member of your household, may deposit their five cents per week. At the expiration of

three or six months, give the money so contributed, into the hands of the Parish Treasurer, that he may forward the same to the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund.

This is all the machinery necessary for the working of this plan. The earnest purpose and systematic weekly contribution, is all that is requisite to carry it into practical effect.

No one can plead lack of ability to give five cents per week, the amount is so small in each individual case. Some may offer as an excuse, it is too much trouble to give these little amounts; yet it is not so unimportant a matter, as, were it the general custom so to contribute, this Diocese would have an income of several thousands of dollars per annum, from this source alone.

The Committee would notice, that change of Clergymen in Parishes somewhat disturbs the operation of this plan; that the people of a Parish require to have this plan presented to them, at least twice a year, and look to their Clergyman for instructions in its working. The Clergyman therefore, should understand its objects and workings. Nor is it unreasonable that a Clergyman from another Diocese, locating in this, (to peform his ministerial duties,) should at first not comprehend the Endowment Fund plan, and be able to aid its workings in his Parish, and perceive its importance to the Diocese. Hence, the Committee would more strongly urge that families do themselves establish the working of this plan in their homes, *permanently*.

The Wardens and Vestrymen of a Parish are its permanent local officers, not liable to change. That is, a Parish may be without a Rector temporarily, but is not without its Wardens and Vestry. That there should be in every Parish permanent subscribers to the Endowment Fund. That there should be in every Parish families that may be always examples to other families and persons in carrying out this plan:

This Committee would therefore recommend to the serious consideration of the Convention, the desirability of constituting Wardens and Vestrymen, and the members of their families, each subscribers to the Endowment Fund of five cents per week, by virtue of their office, and during the term they may act in such capacity as officers of the Parish, the same to take effect upon next Easter Day, and to continue thereafter. This could not be construed as a tax upon Wardens and Vestrymen, and their families, in the Diocese. For, should they, by such action of this Convention, become subscribers on and after the election, next Easter Day, they would always have the reserved right to decline election to the office, prior to the Easter day, should the subscription for themselves and the members of their families be considered onerous.

The Committee believes that most of such influential families in a Parish would become permanent subscribers to the Endowment Fund, whether the heads of the families were Wardens and Vestrymen or not; and that many who are not now, would become permanent subscribers, did they but realize the good they could so easily accomplish. The main object to be attained

would be a permanent example, to extend in time to all the families in the Parish. Further, during the term of office of the Wardens and Vestrymen, there would *always be insured* so many contributors to the Endowment Fund in each Parish. Nor need this be too lightly estimated. There are in this Diocese five hundred Wardens and Vestrymen, more or less, mostly married, and have children. Allowing a wife and two children to compose the family of each Warden and Vestryman, there would be about two thousand subscribers to the Endowment Fund, or an income of $5,200 per annum to the Diocese.

The Committee reiterate the belief, that such an example would influence others, and constitute a more permanent and effectual working of this plan in each Parish. This plan cannot be too well understood, and when once adopted in a home, as suggested, will not be easily abandoned. It affords the members of a family much pleasure—particularly the children, the "little ones," who thus early acquire the habit of systematic giving, and early learn to do good, opening their little hearts to generous impulses, and causing them to think of others. To us all it should be a source of gratification, that we may accomplish great good in this very simple yet effective manner. Among the young of this generation, throughout this Diocese, what a noble army of generous givers would be reared around us, to advance the interests of our Beloved Church, by thus early acquiring the habit at home of systematic contributions.

GEO. R. CHITTENDEN, *Chairman Endowment Committee.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF ENDOWMENT FUND.

GEORGE P. LEE, *Treasurer, in account with Endowment Fund.*

To amount in hand at last Convention, as per page 38, Convention Journal, 1866,			$862.96
Less amount transferred by order of the Parishes to Diocesan Fund, after making up the report up to and including first day of Convention, from			
Grace,	Chicago,	$200.00	
Grace,	Galena,	48.20	
St. Paul's,	Carlinville,	18.00	— 266.20
Leaving			596.76
Now add following amounts received before Convention, but too late to report, from			
Grace,	Chicago,	45.60	
St. Mark's,	Chester,	18.20	
St. Luke's,	Dixon,	10.95	
St. Luke's,	Wyoming,	10.40	
Christ Church,	Waukegan,	21.15	— 106.30
Making total amount transferred, at last Convention, to the General Fund,			$703.06

Receipts and Expenditures for the current year, have been as follows:
Received from

Christ Church,	Robin's Nest,	$31.40
St. Luke's,	Dixon, on previous year,	6.05
St. Luke's,	Dixon,	88.50
St. John's,	Algonquin, last year, $10.40	
"	" this " 3.60	14.00
Immanuel Hall,	(Personal,) old year,	5.20
" "	" current "	5.20
St. Mark's,	Chicago,	2.60
St. James',	Dundee,	8.45
Cathedral,	Chicago,	100.00
Trinity,	Belvidere,	37.80
Grace,	Galesburgh, (personal,)	2.40
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	129.30
St. John's,	Naperville,	16.90
St. John's,	Albion,	10.20
Christ Church,	Waukegan,	26.00
Christ Church,	Ottawa,	35.86
Christ Church,	Limestone,	13.40
Trinity,	Aurora,	12.40
Zion,	Mendon,	50.00
St. Ansgarius,	Chicago,	20.20
St. Paul's,	Peoria, (personal,)	5.20
St. Mark's,	Chester,	14.00
St. James',	Chicago,	87.45
St. Thomas',	Amboy,	8.85
Trinity,	Chicago,	110.00
St. Peter's,	Chesterfield, (personal,)	5.20
		$846.66

Cr.	By paid following bills:		
1866.	November 24th, Tribune Co	$4.00	
1867.	January 28th, Street, Pearson & Co., on ac	14.45	
"	" " " " " "	38.35	
"	February 9th, " " " total	33.85	— 90.65
	Balance cash in hand,		$756.01

In connection with the foregoing Report, the following Resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the duty and privilege of each member of the Church to pay a proportion of the Missionary and Diocesan expenses of the Diocese; and,

WHEREAS, In suggesting a proportionate rate of voluntary subscription, such a one should be determined as, although sufficient for such a purpose in the aggregate, should not unduly press upon the less opulent; therefore,

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Convention, the provisions of the Endowment Fund present such equitable rate, that each Rector in this Diocese be requested to use all suitable exertion to induce every member of his congregation to become a regular subscriber to said Fund.

Resolved, That each Rector send to the Secretary of said Fund a list of such subscribers, from time to time, with the date of the subscription.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported two Resolutions on pp. 43 and 44, Journal of Twenty-ninth Annual Convention.

On motion, said Resolutions were adopted, and are as follows:

Resolved, That the Diocesan Convention of Illinois declare itself to be in favor of an early adoption in this country of a Provincial System adapted to the condition and wants of the Church in the United States; and the General Convention is requested, at its next session, to provide the necessary legislation to accomplish this end.

Resolved, That this Convention is in favor of changing the names of our General and Diocesan Conventions to those of General and Diocesan Councils.

The Committee on Unfinished Business also brought before the Convention the Resolution found on page 55, Journal of Twenty-ninth Annual Convention, relating to the needs which may exist for establishing a Church and Services for the colored people of Chicago.

The Committee of Seven, appointed the previous year for that purpose, reported verbally, that they found no need expressed by the colored people for such Church or Services.

The Examination Committee of Jubilee College presented and read the following:

REPORT OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE OF JUBILEE COLLEGE.

To the Honorable Diocesan Convention of the State of Illinois:

Your Committee was represented at the Summer Examinations of Jubilee College, by the Rev. W H. Roberts, of the Clergy, and J. H. Kedzie, of the Laity; and were very kindly and hospitably entertained at the houses of the Instructors, Rev. S. Chase, D. D., and Rev. T. N. Benedict.

The acting members of your Committee gave close attention to the examinations with reference to the deportment and proficiency of the pupils in their studies, and the faithfulness and ability of the Instructors, as shown by the results of their labors. Of these matters, only, your Committee consider it their province to speak.

It is well known that, under existing circumstances, the organization of college classes, or a complete routine of college studies, is impracticable. The Boys' School, with which alone we had anything to do, was last term composed of thirteen boarders and seventeen day scholars. The studies pursued were those common in all high schools, including the languages and mathematics, in addition to a thorough English training. The examinations were all very satisfactory, and quite a number of the pupils exhibited a gratifying proficiency in English composition and declamation. Without flattery, it may safely be said, that the Examinations, as a whole, demonstrated the existence of the highest degree of faithfulness and ability on the part of the Instructors.

Committee on Examination of Jubilee College,

Aug. 22d, 1867. By J. H. KEDZIE.

The Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Marriage and Divorce, presented their Report, which was read, and, on motion, the Resolution thereunto appended, adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Your Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Marriage and Divorce, beg leave to report:

The importance of the subject presented requires a more extended report than the Committee, from want of time, are able to present. We heartily coincide with the able and just views of the Bishop on this subject.

The facility with which divorces are now obtained in the civil courts, particularly in the Western States, is alarming. Trifling domestic troubles, temporary absence of either party, and often, mere incompatibility of disposition, are magnified by the parties, and recognized by the courts, whereupon *man dares to put asunder those whom God has joined together.*

Occasionally marriage is consummated by parties having directly in view the facility of obtaining a divorce; thus making it a mere experiment. Often divorce suits are projected for the purpose of enabling one or both of the divorced parties to effect a subsequent marriage with some third party, who assists in procuring the divorce.

In the opinion of your Committee, the time has come when the solemn marriage service of the Church should be withheld in cases where either party seeking it has been divorced by the civil courts, except upon Scripture grounds. In all such cases, as the *officers of the law* have separated the parties, if they desire a second marriage, let the *officers of the law*, or whosoever else can be obtained, perform the ceremony; but let the Church refuse to take upon herself, or her Clergy, the responsibility.

Your Committee would recommend that this Convention take some action which will ultimately secure a general Canon Law of the Church on this subject, and with this view, recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Deputies representing this Diocese in the next General Convention be instructed to use their best endeavors to procure by General Canon Law, with suitable qualifications, a prohibition of the use of the marriage service of the Church in cases where either party contemplating marriage shall have been previously divorced by the civil law, on grounds other than that of adultery; and also procure a rule of duty to be followed by Clergyman whose services are thus applied for, in ascertaining the facts bearing upon such prohibition.

CLINTON LOCKE.
GEO. F. CUSHMAN.
GEO. W. THOMPSON.

The Special Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Cathedral, presented and read the following Report:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE CATHEDRAL.

WHEREAS, The Cathedral, with its due complement of laborers and auxiliary institutions, is an essential part of the equipment of a Bishop, for the due discharge of his manifold duties to the Church and to the world; and,

WHEREAS, The Cathedral should be, in some sort, a representative institution of the Diocese—a grand and living witness of the truth and Order, and the charities of the Church; a light held aloft, to which all the crowds of a great city may look as a witness of the work the Church is everywhere beginning to do; and,

WHEREAS, The Bishop of this Diocese has reported to this Convention the success that has followed his efforts to found and expand the Cathedral system in his Diocese, modified to meet the special conditions and wants of the Church in this country, a success beyond his expectations, attended by the fact that already the dimensions of the Cathedral edifice are too narrow; therefore,

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Convention, the work so auspiciously begun should be carried on to a nearer attainment of what is required for worship, Christian instruction and the offices of divine charity.

Resolved, That, at least, the contemplated Chapel and Library should be speedily completed, by the offerings of individuals and of Parishes in the Diocese of Illinois.

Signed, J. H. RYLANCE,
H. W. BEERS,
L. B. OTIS.

On motion, the foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Special Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to his attendance at the meeting of the Anglican Bishops, to convene at Lambeth on the 24th of September, presented and read the following:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THAT PORTION OF THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS RELATING TO HIS VISIT TO ENGLAND.

The Committee on the Proposed Attendance of the Bishop at the Council to be held in Lambeth, say:

That the Churchmen of the Diocese, followed with profound gratification the Bishop in his tour in Europe during his recent absence, and felt the warmest sympathy with his wise and noble efforts for the restoration of Catholic Unity in the Church; that they rejoiced at the marked distinction with which he was everywhere so meritoriously received; and more especially that he enjoyed a seat in the meeting of the Bishops of the Anglican

Church—Co-Provincial and Colonial—assembled in January last, at Lambeth, "and was thus present at the auspicious deliberations which sanctioned the holy experiment (the Pan-Anglican Council,) and been permitted to vindicate its designs and its hopes."

Having heard his Address, and of his intimate relation to this great movement in behalf of the interests of our Reformed Church, the Convention takes this opportunity of expressing its earnest desire, and hence the desire of the Diocese, that, if agreeable to himself, he be present on the assembling of that Council. We assure him that we shall watch with lively interest and laudable pride his participation in all its action. Confiding in the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, who guards His dutiful children in their going out and coming in, on land and at sea, we commend him during his absence, as at all times, to the prayers of the Church.

Resolved, That this Convention cordially recommend that the Bishop of the Diocese attend the Council called by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to be held at Lambeth on the 24th proximo.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized to pay the Bishop $1,000 toward the defraying of his expenses.

T. N. MORRISON,
J. H. RYLANCE,
EDWIN COAN,
D. W. PAGE,
W. A. WILLIAMSON.

On motion, the Resolutions appended to the foregoing Report were unanimously adopted.

The BISHOP thanked the Convention for the special mark of their favor contained in the last Resolution appended to the Report, but begged to decline availing himself of the pecuniary provision.

The Committee on Legislation presented and read their Report upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Vestries; whereupon the following Resolution was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Vestries, together with the Report of the Committee on Legislation thereon, be referred back to them as a Special Committee, with instructions to prepare and present a suitable Canon to the next Annual Convention, if, in their judgment the same be required, or as amendment of the existing Canon.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested, if agreeable with his views, to prepare and publish, for use in this Diocese, a prayer for God's Blessing on the deliberations of the Council to be assembled in Lambeth.

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in the Cathedral, Chicago.

The Committee on Legislation presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION UPON RURAL DEANS.

Resolved, That this Convention has heard, with high gratification, the explication of the Bishop touching the office of Dean, and its efficiency in Diocesan work, so far as it is adapted to the Church in this country.

Resolved, That this Convention hereby recognizes and adopts the system of Rural Deanries as set forth by the Bishop in his Address, and recommends the Bishop to carry the same into practical operation in this Diocese so far as may be consistently done in our present legislation, and bring the whole for confirmation before the next annual Convention.

On motion, the preceding Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected as the Endowment Fund Committee:

Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden,
" Samuel Gehr,
" George P. Lee,
Mr. W. J. Barney,
" Geo. M. Higginson,
" A. E. Neely.

An ineffectual motion having been made to dispense with the ballot for the purpose of electing Deputies to the General Convention, the Convention went into said election.

Pending the result of the ballot, in was, on motion,

Resolved, That two thousand copies of the Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools be printed, in connection with that of the Board of Missions, and that they be distributed in accordance with the rule adopted in regard to the distribution of the Journal.

The Committee on Privilege presented the following Resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That a balance of seventeen dollars, standing upon the books of the Treasurer against St. Mark's Church, (at the time of its organization, when a Missionary Parish,) be remitted, in view of its changed relation to another part of the city, and not justly chargeable to the present location.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That twenty dollars be appropriated to the Sexton of the Cathedral, for his faithful services to the Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Bishop for the use of the Cathedral for the sittings of this body.

It was, also,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Church families of this city for their kind hospitalities.

The Inspectors of Election for Deputies to General Convention then reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,	Mr. George P. Lee,
" T. N. Morrison, D. D.,	" L. B. Otis,
" Warren H. Roberts,	" D. W. Page,
	" S. H. Treat.

One Clerical Deputy remaining to be elected, on motion, the ballot was suspended, and the Rev. Clinton Locke was unanimously elected by acclamation.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following Sunday School Committee was elected by acclamation:

The Rev. W. H. Roberts,	Mr. George Gardner,
" H. W. Beers,	" H. C. Ranney.
" Sidney Corbett, B. D.,	

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected Trustees of the Diocese:

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,	Mr. George P. Lee,
" J. H. Rylance, D. D.,	" J. H. Kedzie,
	" Geo. R. Chittenden.

A similar motion prevailed with reference to the election of a Trustee for Jubilee College, when the Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D., was elected by acclamation.

In accordance with the Resolutions appended to the Report of the Church Extension Committee, regarding Jubilee College, p. 53, Journal of 29th Annual Convention, the following were appointed a Committee to attend the College Examination and Commencement:

The Rev. W. H. Roberts,	Mr. J. H. Kedzie,
" T. N. Morrison, D, D.,	" E. H. Sheldon,
" Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.,	" George Gardner,
" Sidney Corbett, B. D.,	" S. H. Treat.

In the same connection, the following were appointed a Board of Education:

The Rev. S. Chase, D. D.,	Mr. E. H. Sheldon,
" H. N. Bishop, D. D.,	" Wm. H. Wood,
" C. A. Gilbert,	

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for members of the Board of Missions.

Pending the result of the ballot, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the C., B. & Q. R. R., the C., A. & St. L. R. R., the C. & N.-W. R. R., and the C., R. I. & P. R. R., in consideration of the commutation of fare, made to the Clerical and Lay Delegates.

The Inspectors of Election for Members of the Board of Missions then reported the following, as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders. They were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D.,	Mr. A. G. Tyng,
" J. S. Chamberlain,	" Lowber Burrowes,
" J. H. Rylance, D. D.,	" G. P. Lee.

The Special Committee on the Bonded Debt reported the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby pledge our respective Parishes to the payment of their several shares of the Bonded Debt.

Resolved, That a Committee of three Laymen be appointed by the Chair, to examine the accounts, and collect the arrears to the Episcopate Fund, (the salary of the Bishop,) as reported by the Trustees of the Diocese, and published in tabular statement, in the Journal of 1863, and such arrears as may have accrued since that time, and with power to liquidate therewith the arrears of salary or other due to the Bishop; and further, that when a Parish shall have paid satisfactorily, the full amount of arrears due from that Parish, with interest thereon from the said year 1862–3, said Parish shall thereby be released from any further obligation on the Bond, or the other arrears due in that connection.

In accordance with the foregoing Resolutions, the Chair appointed the following Committee:

Mr. E. K. Hubbard, Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden, Mr. W. J. Barney.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That after the usual religious exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The BISHOP then made a closing address, (See pp. 57–63, Annual Address, appended to the Journal,) the *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung by the Convention, and, after prayers and the Episcopal Benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY JOHN WHITEHOUSE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES,
Secretary of Convention.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer of Convention of the Diocese of Illinois presents the following Report for the Conventional year 1866–7, as appears by his books and accounts on the 10th day of August instant:

Expenses of the Diocese have been—

Episcopal Salary		$2,000.00
Missionary Stipends appropriated by the Board of Missions—		
One at	$275.00	
Three at $250.00 each	750.00	
Five at 200.00 "	1,000.00	
Three at 150.00 "	450.00	
One at (Itinerant)	1,000.00	
One at	100.00	
For parts of a year—		
Four at $200.00 each	800.00	
Two at 150.00 "	300.00	
The full amount of Stipends, had all the appointments been filled for the year, would have been $4,675.00. Practically the amount has been		4,135.03
CONTINGENT EXPENSES.		
Interest due on Bonded Debt (balance) to Oct. 1, 1867	337.58	
Printing Journal for 1866–7	556.04	
Secretary's Salary	150.00	
Carried forward	$1,043.62	$6,135.03

Brought forward	$1,043.62	$6,135.03
Sundry Personal Accounts allowed by Convention	20.00	
Missionary Board Expenses for Printing, Outline Map, etc	94.80	
Various Printing Bills for Bishop, Standing Committee, Secretary and Treasurer	55.97	
Sundries, as Postage on Journals by Secretary, Additional Assessment to Treasurer of General Convention, etc	87.07	
Making Contingencies amount to		1,301.46
And making Total Annual Expenses		$7,436.49
Then add Amounts Owing by last Convention, p. 69, Con. Journal, 1865–6:		
Stipends, 1864–5	$249.95	
" 1865–6	252.52	
Assessors in Hager Trial	28.23	
Rounds, Balance Printing	92.39	
Bishop Whitehouse, Balance Salary, 1865–6	438.02	
Annual Interest on Debt	361.47	
		1,422.58
And the whole Floating Debt would be		$8,859.07
Then add Bonded Debt Balance		5,626.40
And the whole indebtedness is		$14,485.47

Income has been as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

General Assessment, 1865–6	$1,197.67	
" " 1866–7	1,311.07	
		$2,490.74

MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance from last year	$41.41	
Voluntary contributions	4,854.04	
		$4,895.45

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Balance from 1865	$147.10	
Receipts as per Endowment Fund Committee's Report, September, 1866, less corrections made in same by transfers to Diocesan Fund	703.06	
		$850.16

CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance from last year		$30.41
Total		$8,266.76
Now add for full statement, Endowment Fund receipts for current year, as per that Committee's Report		756.01
And the total receipts are		$9,022.07
Aside from Bonded Debt, the following statement shows the current financial condition for 1866–7:		
Receipts as above stated	$9,022.07	
Less Endowment Fund of 1865–6	850.16	
		$8,172.61
Expenses as stated above in detail		7,436.49
Thus showing excess of receipts, (over expenditures of the current year,) of		$736.12

It is certainly cause for gratulation, that for once in the history of the Diocese such an exhibit can be made; and were it not for old debts that have been liquidated by order of Convention from the current receipts, and also for the fact that each fund is liable only for its own particular indebtedness, the Convention might start out upon the new year with all floating indebtedness canceled, and a balance in hand. Such, however, cannot now be shown, as the following Exhibit will explain:

The money has been applied as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

Toward payment Floating Debt,	$950.60
" " bal. Episcopal Salary, of 1865–6,	438.02
Ten per cent. of receipts of 1866–7 transferred to Contingent Fund account,	154.01
Paid on account of Episcopal salary 1866–7, and thus exhausting the Fund,	948.11
	$2,490.74

MISSIONARY FUND.

Paid on account Stipends Missionaries for current year, amounting to about 75 per cent	$3,259.18
Missionary Expenses,	43.30
	$3,302.48

CONTINGENT FUND.

This Fund was increased by transfer of Endowment Fund, $703.06, and of amounts received on Diocesan Fund, between 1st and 15th September, 1866, of $950.60, and has been expended as follows:

Stipends 1864–5 and 1865–6,	$562.47	
Various personal accounts allowed by Convention,	140.62	
Secretary's Salary,	150.00	
Interest on Bonded Debt to October 1st, 1866,	361.47	
Printing Journal, Convention of 1866,	556.04	
Missionary Board expenses for Printing, etc.,	94.80	
Various Printing bills for different Committees and Officers,	55.97	
Sundries, as Postage on Journals, Expressage, addit'l Assessment to Gen'l Convention, Treasurer, etc.,	87.07	
On account Interest on Bonded Debt, to October 1st, 1867,	80.04	
Thus extinguishing the Fund,	$2,088.48	$2,088.48
And leaving balance of Missionary Fund in hand of...	$1,592.97	

The Debts now existing against the Convention, are about 25 per cent. of the Missionary Stipends, amounting to $875.85, and for which funds are in hand; and the balance due on Episcopal Salary, $1,051.89; and balance due on Annual Interest on Debt, $257.54.

It is matter of regret that the Parishes are so very dilatory in forwarding the amounts due upon the Diocesan Fund.

The Treasurer was unable to pay any portion of the Episcopal Salary for the year now ending, until 10th August, and this was probably remitted under the pressure of notice that that was the last day on which remittances would be received and entered before making up Reports. This negligence is rank injustice to the Bishop, and embarrasses all the incidental work of the Diocese, by withholding funds from the Treasurer, for the payment of even the most necessary bills — and thus the credit, not only of the Convention, but also of the Church, suffers in the eyes of the business world.

Nothing has been paid during the current year, upon Assessments prior to 1865–6. The amount outstanding is quite respectable, but much of it is probably uncollectable.

The Treasurer asks instruction as to the Special Assessment of 1864–5, as to whether non-payment is a bar to representation in this body.

The indebtedness to be provided for is as follows:

Balance due on Episcopal Salary for 1866–7,	$1,051.89
Balance due on Annual Interest, to Oct. 1st, 1867, on Bonded Debt,	257.54
Balance due on Stipends,	875.85

Estimate printing Journal,	$500.00
Sundry Contingent Expenses, say	300.00
	$2,985.28
Balance Bonded Debt,	5,626.40
	$8,611.68

Besides the usual Salaries and Stipends, and to pay which, are balances in hand, but applied to special purposes:

Missionary Fund, balance,	$1,592.97
Endowment " "	756.01

A Table is subjoined, showing detail of Receipts and Expenditures by the Treasurer, and also of payments by Parishes during the year 1866–7, upon what accounts, and the amounts yet remaining unpaid by each Parish.

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer.*

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer, in Account with Convention:*

DR.

For Cash balance as per last Report, viz:		
Misssionary Fund,	$ 41.41	
Contingent "	30.41	
Endowment "	147.10	
		$218.92
For Cash received from Parishes, as per Schedule attached, on General Assessment, 1865–6	$1,197.67	
" 1866–7	1,311.07	
		$2,490.74
For Cash for Missionary Fund from various Parishes, as per Schedule attached,		$4,854.04
For Cash Net amount Endowment Fund of 1865–6,		703.06
Making total Receipts,		$8,266.76

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By sundry payments, as per Receipts and Vouchers herewith, viz:	
Paid Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse bal. of Salary 1865–6,	$438.02
" " " " on account of 1866–7,	948.11

Paid Missionary balances of 1864–5 and 1865–6, as per vote of last Convention, viz:

	1864–5	1865–6	Total.	
Rev. Robt. Trewartha,	$13.12	$22.50	$35.62	
" Jas. W. Coe,	13.12		13.12	
" Jno. Benson,	13.12		13.12	
" J. B. Pedelupe,	13.12	10.01	23.13	
" Geo. C. Street,	13.12		13.12	
" Mat. Magill,	13.12		13.12	
" C. A. Bruce,	26.25	22.50	48.75	
" J. S. McGowan,	13.12	10.01	23.13	
" P. Arvedson,	17.50	30.00	47.50	
" W. M. Steel,	13.12	22.50	35.62	
" W. M. Reynolds, D. D.	13.12	22.50	35.62	
" Jno. Portmess,	13.12	22.50	35.62	
" Jacob Bredberg,		30.00	30.00	
" Alpheus Spor and T. N. Benedict,		17.49 12.51	30.00	
" J. S. Chamberlain,		30.00	30.00	
" Wm. H. Cooper,	37.50		37.50	
" Jno. B. Saye,	37.50		37.50	
				$502.47

Paid Missionaries on account of Stipends of 1866–7, being 75 per cent. of same, viz:

Rev. P. Arvedson,	$200.00
" Jacob Bredberg,	187.50
" Wm. H. Cooper,	187.50
" Chas. Guillemont,	150.00
" Jno. Portmess,	112.50
" Wm. J. Pigott,	150.00
" W. M. Reynolds, D. D.	150.00
" A. B. Russell,	112.50
" Robt. Trewartha, (part year,)	28.09
" T. W. Mitchell, " "	150.00
" J. S. Chamberlain,	870.00
" J. S. McGowan,	112.50
" C. A. Bruce,	150.00
" Jno. A. Fitch,	75.00
" Jno. W. Clark, in full part year,	127.76
" W. M. Green, " " "	50.00
" Jno. Benson,	150.00

Rev. Philander Chase,		$187.50	
" W. M. Steel, part year,		108.33	
		$3,259.18	
Missionary Contingent Expenses:			
Paid Street, Moore & Co., for Miss'y Station Prayer Books,	$10,80		
" " " " " " ...	18.00		
		$28.80	
Printing,		4.50	
Expenses of foreign Clergymen to attend Missionary meetings,		10.00	
		43.30	
			$3,302.48
Paid Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse simple 6 per cent. int. to Oct. 1, '66, on balance Bonded Debt,		361.47	
" on account interest to Oct. 1, 1867,		80.04	
			$441.51
Paid Rev. J. H. Knowles, Sec'y, Salary as per appropriation 1866–7,			150.00

CONTINGENCIES.

Paid S. P. Rounds bal. old (printing Journals,) bill,	$ 92.39	
" " full printing Journal '66, ... $450.00		
" " " " " " ... 106.04	— 556.04	
" Rev. W. M. Steel, bal. account assessor,	14.89	
" Rev. L. P. Clover, " "	13.34	
" Letter Press and Record Book for Miss'y Board	12.85	
" Printing for Missionary Board,	10.00	
" " " Pledges and Circular,	8.50	
" " for Treasurer,	8.50	
" for Missionary Outline Map,	10.00	
" for Mounting and Finishing same,	1.50	
" Wm. Cundel, Cathedral Sexton, per Convention vote,	20.00	
" Express charges connected with Convention,	2.00	
" Extra Postage on Convention Journal,	2.66	
" for Printing Circular of Standing Committee,	5.00	
" Herman Cope, Treasurer General Convention additional Assessment,	64.50	
" for Printing Missionary Pledges,	5.00	
" for Treasurer's Receipt Book,	6.00	
" R. R. fare of one Clergyman to Miss'y meeting,	3.65	

Paid Secretary's bill, Receiving and Posting General Convention Journals,	$17.91	
" Printing Treasurer's Circular,	3.50	
" Secretary's bill Printing,	29.97	
" " " Certificates,	3.00	
	$891.20	$891.20
Total Payments,		$6,673.79
Balance Cash in hand,		1,592.97
		$8,266.76

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer, in Account with Trustees of the Diocese:*

1866. DR.

Sept. 11.—To balance cash on hand as per last Report,			$ 10.35
" 19.—To cash rec'd from John Hansel, Esq., former Treasurer, receipts by him from various Parishes, (unknown,)			137.60
Dec. 4.—To cash Thanksgiving Day Offerings, from the following named Parishes:			
	Christ Church,	Waukegan,	$ 6.25
	Christ Church,	Ottawa,	6.00
	Grace,	Galena,	7.70
	St. Luke's,	Dixon,	3.75
	Ascension,	Chicago,	14.00
	Grace,	Chicago,	20.00
	St. Mark's,	Evanston,	3.00
" 5.—St. Peter's,		Chesterfield,	1.80
" 6.—St. James',		Chicago,	86.18
" 8.—St. Paul's,		Springfield,	25.40
	St. John's,	Decatur,	3.55
	St. John's,	Albion,	3.00
	St. John's,	Naperville,	1.60
" 15.—St. John's,		Albion,	1.50
" 16.—Cathedral,		Chicago,	27.58
1867.			
Jan. 5.—St. John's,		Algonquin,	1.00
			$212.31

1867.	Cr.		
Feb. 24.—By cash paid following named Clergy, per order Standing Committee, acting as the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese:			
	Rev. Benj. Hutchins,	$120.08	
	Rev. C. P. Clark,	120 08	
	Rev. Asa Griswold,	120.08	$360.24
	By cash in hand to balance account,		.02
		$360.26	$360.26
Aug. 20.—To balance brought down,		.02	

No.	PARISH NAME.	AMOUNTS RECEIVED

PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1867.

The various statistics contained in the Reports, will be found at one view in the Tabular Statement at the end.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS.

Reports from Parishes	69
From Clergymen without cure	12
Whole number of Reports	81

The comparative inspection of the Table of this year and of the last, will give the following results :

	1866.	1867.
Baptisms—Infants	746	796
Adults	169	160
Total	915	956
Confirmations	484	510
Marriages	278	267
Burials	345	335
Communicants—Admitted	415	363
Received	301	317
Removed	343	404
Died	46	49
Whole number	3,452	3,960
Sunday Schools—Teachers	586	670
Scholars	4,150	4,898
Contributions—Whole amount	$81,199.21	$111,175.85

REPORTS.

Albion, St. John's. - - *The Rev. Benj. Hutchins.*

Church Wardens—Bryan Walker, W. B. Tribe.

Baptisms—Infants, 6; Total, 6. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Died, 1; Present Number, 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Female, 4; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 46; Female, 50; Total, 96.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 78; Other Days, 4.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 15.
Alms—Whole Amount, $14.21.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $4.00; Domestic, $26 00.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $30.00; Amount Paid, $5.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $2.45; Parish Purposes, $45.00; Other Church Offerings, $11.20.

Algonquin, St. John's. - - *The Rev. Peter Arvedson.*

Church Wardens—James Kee, Wm. Estergren.

Families, 11; Individuals not thus included, 1; Total of Souls, 46.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; Total, 1. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 5. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Present Number, 12.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 104; Other Days, 10.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 2.
Alms—Whole Amount, $11.00.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $5.50; Domestic, $1.16.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $10.00; Amount Paid, $10.00. Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $1.00; Parish Purposes, $97.53; Other Church Offerings: Endowment Fund, $14.00.

This Parish looks forward hopefully respecting the prospect of getting the indebtedness on the Church canceled, ere long. Efforts in that direction have been made, both at home and by soliciting aid abroad. The attendance, on occasions of public worship, is quite fair, and indicating some interest. The Sunday School is, at present, in a very low state, proceeding from a concurrence of adverse circumstances, seemingly, for the present, beyond our control. There are no regular teachers, nor regular number of scholars. I spend about three-fourths of an hour every Sunday morning with such children as come, in reading, singing, and addressing them from the portion of Scripture read, or from the Catechism. Besides officiating at this point

and Dundee, on Sundays, I have held regular Missionary services at Woodstock and Richmond, as by Report to the Missionary Board of the Diocese. "Faint, yet pursuing," is our practice, as respects our work. "The Lord will provide," is our assurance, as respects our necessities, whether spiritual or temporal.

Alton, St. Paul's, - *The Rev. Cornelius S. Abbott.*

Church Wardens—S. R. Dolbee, J. W. Schweppe.

Families, 62; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 257.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; Total, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 65.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 15; Total, 19.
Scholars: Total, 125.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 1.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 17; Other Days, 5.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 2.
Alms—Whole Amount, $20.48.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $110.00.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $104.35 (two years); Amount Paid, $104.35; Parish Purposes, $1,160.00; Other Church Offerings, (Church in Mississippi, $54.00; Endowment Fund, $20.96;) $74.96.

The Parish was vacant from December until July, at which time the present Rector took charge. This Report, therefore, is incomplete, and in no particular, perhaps, do the figures come up to the actual fact. The Church building has been put in complete repair, and painted, and, during a part of the time the Parish was without a Rector, was opened with a Lay Service. The Parish is rapidly getting free from its indebtedness, which has been as a mill-stone about its neck, and it will not be long, ere we hope it can be said, that we "owe no man anything" but love. If the past few months are any index, there is a determination on the part of all to work together heartily for Christ and His Church, and at no time, in the history of the Parish, have its affairs, perhaps, been in so good a condition, and its prospects been so bright, as they are now. May God, of His good pleasure, grant that our fondest hopes may be more than realized.

Arcola, Christ, - . *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Wardens—John Vellam, Chas. Bradbury.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 30; Total of Souls, 94.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Total, 5. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 19; Died, 1; Present Number, 21.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 12.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 2.

Alms—Whole Amount, $5.10.

Contributions—Missions: Domestic, $5.10.

We are very much in want of a Church building, and hope to have one. Lord, help us.

At different places, other than my regular congregations, I have Preached twenty-seven times, Baptized nine Infants, and administered the Holy Communion fourteen times.

Aurora, Trinity. - - - *The Rev. Wm. Greene.*

Church Wardens—S. B. Hawley, M. D., James C. James.

Families, 39; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 176.

Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 1; Total, 17. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.

Communicants—Died, 1; Present Number, 28.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 7; Total, 13.
Scholars: Total, 78.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 4; Private, 1.

Contributions—Mission: Diocesan, $26.90.

Assessments—Parish Purposes, $900.

This Report embraces a period, dating from February 1st, 1867, at which time the present Rector took charge of the Parish. He is cheered in his endeavor to raise the interest of the Church from its deep depression, by the co-operation of a few earnest Communicants, and has hope of eventual success. From December to April, a weekly Service was given to the Congregation at Geneva, which has subsequently been changed to a monthly Service, for the Administration of the Sacrament.

Belvidere, Trinity. - - - *The Rev. W. H. Cooper.*

Church Wardens—W. W. Wood, N. H. Merchant.

Families, 38; Individuals not thus included, 22; Total of Souls, 190.

Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 1; Total, 14. Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5.

Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 8; Removed, 4; Present Number, 45.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 33; Total, 45.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times: Every Month. Catechumens—The Sunday School.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 108; Other Days, 14.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 12.

Alms—Whole Amount, $4.10.

Contributions—Missions: Domestic, $3.00; Endowment Fund, $37.20.

Assessments—Parish Purposes, $259.20.

A serious and increasing difficulty in the way of the growth of the Parish, is the location of our Church. The South Side of the River is the *growing* side; and the Church is on the North. Could the Parish be united in the removal of the Church to a more central location, it could be filled. Our Sunday School lacks Teachers of zeal and ability. Had we these, we should have had a large increase of Scholars. I officiate every alternate Sunday afternoon at Shattuck's Grove. We are working the Endowment Fund plan very successfully, and also the Weekly Offertory. The Parish, though not increasing much, is holding its own, as is evident from the fact that when I took charge I found only twenty-five Communicants, and we now number, notwithstanding several removals, forty-five.

Bement, Atonement. - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 4; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 67.

Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 10; Present Number, 9.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 2.

Alms—Whole Amount, $12.00.

There is considerable ability and disposition to support the Service.

Bloomington, St. Matthew's. - *The Rev. Charles Stewart.*

Church Wardens—Goodman Ferre, William Ollis.

Families, 70. Total of Souls, 280.

Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 7; Total, 23. Confirmed, 14; Marriages, 21; Burials, 4.

Communicants—Admitted, 14; Removed, 4; Died, 1; Present Number, 83.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 15; Total, 19.
Scholars: Total, 184.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 118; Other Days, 51.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 10; Private, 11.

Alms—Whole Amount, $54.15.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $19.00; Domestic, $24.00; Foreign, $7.00. Sums Pledged for Diocesan Missions, payable in Sept., $132.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $85.00; Amount paid, $85.00. Parish Purposes, for Church and Rectory improvements, $837.00. Other Church Offerings, $285.60.

During the past year, this Parish has steadily increased in strength and prosperity.

Cairo, Church of the Redeemer. - The Rev. Wm. W. Rafter.

Church Wardens—Horace Wardner, S. B. Halliday.

Families, 40; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 215.

Baptisms—Infants, 14; Total, 14. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Present Number, 30.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 7; Female, 5; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 50; Female, 68; Total, 118.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 15; Catechumens, 16.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 30; Other Days, 22.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 6.

Alms—Whole Amount, $30.00.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $25.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $66.00; Amount paid, $66.00. Parish Purposes, $1,500.00. Other Church Offerings, $50.00.

This Report dates from April 22d, 1867, at which time the present Rector took charge of the Parish. During the past two months, I have held regular Services at Mound City every Sunday afternoon. The people there are taking an active interest in the Church, and we have reason to hope that they will have, before long, a Resident Minister and self-supporting Parish.

Centralia, St. Johns. - The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.

Church Wardens—J. A. Wakeman, R. H. Perry.

Families, 8; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 54.

Burials, 1.

Communicants—Received, 5; Removed, 5; Died, 1; Present Number, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 4.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 1.

We have appointed a Committee to buy a lot, on which to erect the Church. The Sunday School is closed for the want of a suitable place in which to meet.

Chester, St. Mark's. - *The Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D.*

Church Wardens—John L. Edwards, Wm. R. Marlin.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 65.

Baptisms—Infants, 12; Total, 12. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5.

Communicants: Admitted, 4; Received, 2; Removed, 8; Died, 2; Present Number, 28.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Total, 37.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6. Catechumens, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 37; Other Days, 6.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 8; Private, 2.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $20.00; Domestic, $5.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $30.00; Amount paid, $30.00. Endowment Fund, $14.00. Other Church Offerings, for all purposes, $76.30.

The protracted illness of Rebecca, the wife of the Rector, who departed this life on the 12th of March, may be assigned a sufficient reason for the small amount of services rendered since my last Annual Report.

Chicago, Christ. - - - *The Rev. Edward Cheney.*

Church Wardens—Allen C. Calkins, George A. Sacket.

Families, 220; Individuals not thus included, 50; Total of Souls, about 1,000.

Baptisms—Infants, 50; Adults, 4; Total, 54. Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 19. Burials, 12.

Communicants—Admitted, 19; Received, 35; Removed, 10; Present Number, 170.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 12; Female, 20; Total, 32.
Scholars: Male, 140; Female, 160; Total, 300.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 98; Other Days, 44.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 12; Private, 8.

Alms—Whole Amount, $208.56.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $294.04; Domestic, $73.00; Foreign, $43.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount assessed, $130.00; Amount paid, $130.00.

Parish Purposes:		Other Church Offerings:	
Current Expenses,.....	$ 473.31	St. Mark's,.....	$ 23.95
Completion of Lecture Room,	1,197.12	Chicago Bible Society,.....	40.00
Sinking Fund,.....	2,500.00	St. Luke's Hospital,.....	115.00
Parish Sunday School,.....	433.00		
Sunday School Library,.....	300.00		$178.95
Mission Sunday School, ...	200.00		
			$5,850.03

Total Contributions for the Year,..... $6,030.98

During the current year, the Parish has been enabled to not only meet its expenses, but to pay something upon its debt. A Sinking Fund has been created, that gives promise of excellent results. We have also completed, in the basement of the Church, a commodious room for the use of the Sunday School and for week-day Services. With the assistance of Rev. Mr. Griffith, of the Diocese of Kansas, temporarily acting as Assistant Minister, a Mission has been organized in the neighborhood of Bridgeport, where the need for such work is especially great.

In spiritual things, God's blessing has been manifest—the Lenten Services being very largely attended, and developing deep and permanent religious interest.

Chicago, Grace. - - - *The Rev. Clinton Locke.*

Church Wardens—H. W. Hinsdale, W. G. Hibbard.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 150; Total of Souls, 750.

Baptisms—Infants, 49; Adults, 7; Total, 56. Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 38. Burials, 30.

Communicants—Admitted, 24; Received, 36; Removed, 40; Died, 7; Present Number, 220.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 11; Female, 16; Total, 27.
Scholars: Male, 75; Female, 175; Total, 250.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 250.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 100; Other Days, 50.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 14; Private, 3.

Alms—Whole Amount, $630.84.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $487.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $200.00; Amount Paid, $200.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $20.00; Parish Purposes, $4,285; Other Church Offerings, $2,545.35.

Other Church Offerings include: $150.00, St. Stephens; $230.00, Endowment Fund; $52.00, St. Mark's Church; $25.00, Church at Harlem; $45.00, Prayer Book and Bible Society; $180.00, Churches and Clergy in the South; $1,863.35, St. Luke's Hospital.

The Parish has enjoyed the most prosperous year since its foundation. The Vestry have purchased a fine lot on Wabash Avenue, near 14th Street, and as soon as the present property is disposed of, a beautiful stone Church will be erected.

Chicago, St. Ansgarius'. - - *The Rev. Jacob Bredberg.*

Church Wardens—J. M. Shonbeck, H. Jensen.

Families, 80; Individuals not thus included, 96; Total of Souls, 400.

Baptisms—Infants, 37; Total, 37. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 32. Burials, 15.

Communicants—Admitted, 11; Received, 65; Removed, 27; Died, 7; Present Number, 226.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 7; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 40; Total, 80.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 30.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 67; Other Days, 4.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 4; Private, 3.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $13.53.

Assessments—Amount Paid, $36.10.

Chicago, St. James'. - *The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.*

Church Wardens—Tolman Wheeler, E. H. Sheldon.

Families, 180; Individuals not thus included, 60. Total of Souls, 1,200.

Baptisms—Infants, 29; Total, 29. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 8. Burials, 14.

Communicants—Admitted, 3; Removed, 2; Died, 5; Present Number, 335.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 10; Female, 16; Total, 26.
Scholars: Total, 200.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6.

Celebration of Divine Services—Number Times: Sundays, 98; Other Days, 45.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 14; Private, 1.

Alms—Whole Amount, $552.34.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $1,172.57; Domestic, $661.38; Foreign, $106.50.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $336.00; Amount Paid, $336.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $152.18; Parish Purposes, $6,825.00; Other Church Offerings, $1,870.62; Total Contributions, $13,437.59.

The present incumbent of St. James' Parish accepted the Rectorship at Easter, 1867. He cannot, therefore, presume to speak of its present state as compared with other years. The fullness of the accompanying Report is due mainly to the completeness of the Records left by the Rev. E. C Porter, who was Minister in Charge for about a year immediately preceding the present Rector.

Chicago, St. John's. - *The Rev. H. N. Bishop, D. D.*

Church Wardens—Job Carpenter, John Stearns.

Families, about 180; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, about 700.

Baptisms—Infants, 51; Adults, 9; Total, 60. Confirmed, 33. Marriages, 19. Burials, 30.

Communicants—Admitted, 33; Received, 31; Removed, 71; Died, 2; Present Number, 187.

Sunday School—Teachers and Officers: Male, 21; Female, 25; Total, 46.
Scholars: Male, 175; Female, 225; Total, 400.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12. Catechumens—Whole School.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 100; Other Days, about 40.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public 12.

Alms—Whole Amount, $75.48.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $196.00; Amount Paid, $196.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $20.00; Parish Purposes, $9,200.00, which includes $7,000.00 paid for Lot for permanent Church; Other Church Offerings, $2,148.99.

Under head of "Other Church Offerings" is included $50.00 for Church at Danville, Ill.; $601.90 for Theological Education, $500.00 of which is an individual contribution; $64.00 for Church at Harlem, Ill.; $42.50 for Freedmen's Aid Commission; Domestic and Foreign Missions, $100.00; St. Luke's Hospital, $160.00; Chicago Bible Society, $42.00; Diocesan Missions, $250.00; Evangelical Knowledge Society, $30.00; Church in Iowa, $21.59; Church in Wisconsin, $37.00; Christmas Festival for Sunday School, $250.00; Improvement of Sunday School Library, and other Expenses of Sunday School, $500.00; Making total of all money raised, exclusive of Rector's Salary, $11,640.47.

The past year has been one of great mercies to the Parish. The Rector feels grateful that he has been constantly sustained by a congregation of kindred views and affections with his own. The continued prosperity of the Parish, notwithstanding the many removals, is owing, under God, to their zealous co-operation, unchanging kindness, and tender consideration. The faithful band of Sunday School Teachers have been untiring in their labors during the past year, and we cannot but feel that God has been with them in their work, from the large representation of the Sunday School in the Confirmation Class of last Spring.

My Missionary Services during the year have been chiefly at Harlem, where I officiated on alternate Sundays, until about July 1st, at which time an independent Parish was duly organized. A beautiful Church edifice capable of seating about 250 persons, has been erected at this point.

The Lake Street Mission Sunday School has occupied my attention in the intervening Sunday afternoons. It has been carried on with untiring zeal by its efficient Superintendent, Mr. David B. Lyman, and his faithful co-laborers. The attendance varies from 80 to 140 Scholars.

Chicago, St. Mark's. - *The Rev. Edward B. Tuttle.*

Church Wardens—Chauncy T. Bowen, Frederick C. Smith.

Families, 35; Individuals not thus included, 3.

Baptisms—Infants, 8; Adults, 1; Total 9. Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 14. Burials, 11.

Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 17; Removed, 10; Died, 1; Present Number, 37.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 51; Other Days: Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent; Daily in Passion Week.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 12.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $25.00; Amount Paid, $25.00; Parish Purposes, $800.00; Other Church Offerings—Mobile Church School, $12.00; Endowment Fund, $2.80.

Chicago, St. Stephen's. - *The Rev. A. W. Snyder, B. D.*

Church Wardens—William Peters, E. P. Wood.

Families, 70; Individuals not thus included, 30; Total of Souls, 400.

Baptisms—Infants, 46; Adults, 4; Total, 50. Confirmed, 43. Marriages, 7. Burials, 18.

Communicants—Admitted, 43; Received, 6; Removed, 14; Present Number, 75.

Sunday School—Teachers: Total, 20.
Scholars: Total, 200.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 11. Catechumens, 200.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 96; Other Days, 40.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 14; Private, 2.

Alms—Whole Amount, $50.35.

Contributions—Missions: Domestic, $38.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $18.00; Amount Paid, $18.00; Parish Purposes, $3,200.00; Other Church Offerings, $16.17.

The above Report commences October 1st, 1866, and ends September 1st, 1867. The state of the Parish is good.

Chicago, Trinity. - *The Rev. R. J. Keeling, D. D.*

Church Wardens—L. P. Hilliard, John Wright.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 150; Total of Souls, 800.

Baptisms—Infants, 24; Adults, 1; Total, 25. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3.

Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 1; Removed, 3; Died, 2; Present Number, 150.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 5; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 40; Total, 60.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 96; Other Days, 28.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 12; Private, 1.

Alms—Whole Amount, $450.00.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $407.00; Domestic, $525.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $170.00; Amount Paid, $170.00; Parish Purposes, $6,700.00.

Since last Report, we have to regret the loss of several influential and zealous members, by removal to the East; also the drift of our population towards the South and West Sides, by the growth of the City in those directions, which must, ere long, be seriously felt by Trinity Church at its present location. I am happy, however, to recognize active and devoted interest in our Church affairs, on the part of my Vestry and people, and am hopeful of the continued growth and strength of the Parish. The Report of Rev. Dr. Kelly, Assistant and Missionary in Charge of our Chapel, is enclosed herewith.

Chicago, Trinity Mission. - *The Rev. C. V. Kelly, D. D.*

Baptisms—Infants, 26; Adults, 3; Total 29. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 18. Burials, 15.

Communicants—Admitted, 1; Received, 4; Removed, 1; Died, 1.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 9; Female, 18; Total, 27.
Scholars: Male, 100; Female, 132; Total, 232.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, Twice Every Sunday: Other Days, Every Day in Lent.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Private, 9.

Collinsville, Christ. - - *The Rev. John Portmess.*

Church Wardens—Geo. Churchill, James W. Griffith.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 16; Total of Souls, 76.

Baptisms—Infants 5; Total, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4.

Communicants—Removed, 1; Present Number, 12.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 4; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 4. Female, 18; Total, 22.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8. Catechumens, 11.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 62; Other Days, 8.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 4.

Alms—Whole Amount, $11.75.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $2.50; Domestic, $1.25.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $13.00; Amount Paid, $13.00; Parish Purposes, $138.25; Other Church Offerings, $5.25.

The Parish of Christ Church, Collinsville, though feeble, is in a healthy condition. Its Communicants being almost exclusively women, makes a Parish organization almost impracticable. But these feeble folk are distinguished now, as in the days of our Savior's Incarnation, by a deep and earnest piety, and a devotion to the cause of Christ, which is truly commendable. In this respect there is a marked improvement. There is a class of eleven Catechumen awaiting the administration of the Rite of Confirmation; several of these were, a few years ago, strangers tc the Church and her Services. In consequence of the delay of the Bishop's visit, this class is now much scattered, but the Master's Eye is upon them, wherever they may be. To the favorable consideration of the Missionary Board I commend this little flock.

Danville, Holy Trinity. - *The Rev. Edward J. Purdy.*

Church Wardens—A. S. Williams, R. W. Hanford.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 19; Total of Souls, 105.

Baptisms—Infants, 15; Adults, 5; Total, 20. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Admitted, 9; Received 8; Removed, 1; Present Number, 24.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Females, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Total, 50.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.

Alms—Whole Amount, $51.65.

Contributions—Missions: Domestic, $15.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $13.00; Amount Paid, $13.00; Parish Purposes, $220.00; Other Church Offerings, $72.50.

This Parish, although organized but eighteen months since, is now established, by the blessing of God, upon a sound, and, as we hope, a permanent basis, by the erection of a neat Church, entirely free from debt. A handsome brick Parsonage is nearly completed, costing about $2,800.00, but —owing to the favorable terms upon which the labor and materials were obtained, and the rise in lots—worth not less than $3,500.00. About $2,000.00 is due upon the Parsonage, the interest of which will be paid by the Rector, while the principal will be paid off as fast as the means of the Parish will allow.

The Parish has been blessed spiritually, as well as temporally, the number of Communicants having nearly, and the attendance more than doubled, within the past year.

Decatur, St. John's. - - *The Rev. Samuel D. Pulford.*

Church Wardens—Cyril Fuller, D. C. Lockwood.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total of Souls, 211.

Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 1; Total, 6. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Received, 4; Removed, 10; Died, 2; Present Number, 40.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 10; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 46; Female, 54; Total, 100.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 67; Other days, 2.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 5; Private, 1.

Alms—Whole Amount, $16.47.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $114.75; Domestic, $24.75.

Assessments — Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $48.00; Amount Paid, $48.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $3.55; Parish Purposes, $25.97.

The present Rector entered upon his duties in this Parish on last Easter-Sunday. From September, 1866, to that time, the Parish had been without a Rector. Lay Services, however, and the Sunday School had been, through the efficient services of a faithful Layman, acting as Lay Reader and Superintendent, supported by zealous parishioners, regularly kept up. There is much ground for encouragement in the present condition of the Parish, and we have reason to hope, that by the blessing of God, the Parish will advance in material and spiritual prosperity. A mission Sunday School has been lately established, with encouraging prospects, about a mile north of the city.

Dixon, St. Luke's. - *The Rev. D. W. Dresser.*

Church Wardens—James K. Edsall, W. W. DeWolf.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 21; Total of Souls, 110.

Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 2; Total, 4. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 2; Removed, 4; Present Number, 47.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 18; Total, 30.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 72; Other Days, 42.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public 10.

Alms—Whole Amount, $15.10.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $95.52; Domestic, $5.46.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $61.00; Amount Paid, $61.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $3.75; Parish Purposes, $175.07; Other Church Offerings, $193.30.

This Report covers, for the most part, only a period of about nine months since the present Rector came in charge.

There are in the Parish upwards of sixty subscribers to the Endowment Fund. I have written the Diocesan Fund Assessment as paid, because we fully expected it to be paid, and intended it to be paid, out of the Endowment Fund, and did not discover, until too late, that the matter could not be so arranged; yet we still hope to have it adjusted in that way. With the amount credited to the Diocesan Fund, the actual contributions, thus far to the Endowment Fund, reach the sum of $88.50; without it, $27.50.

In the "Other Church Offerings" are included contributions to Jubilee College, the N. Y. Bible and Prayer Book Society, the Christian Freedmen's Commission, the Endowment Fund, and other small sums by our Parish Society, for Home Missions. I have also visited for services, as often as I could, the Parishes at Polo and Grand De Tour—every Thursday evening at the former, and the alternate Sunday afternoon at the latter.

Dundee, St. James'. - - *The Rev. Peter Arvedson.*

Church Wardens—Samuel Wardlaw, George Barnet.

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls, 34.
Baptisms—Adults, 6; Total, 6. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Removed, 1; Present Number, 15.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 1.
Alms—Whole Amount, $2.40.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $3.17; Foreign, $2.30.
Assessments—Parish Purposes, $16.66; Endowment Fund, $8.45.

In the course of the past year there has been a small increase of actual membership, and also an improvement in the financial condition of the Parish. By the kindness of Charles B. Clement, of Rutland, Vermont, the indebtedness of the Parish for the Church building has been removed. The building and lot has been secured to the Church by a Trust Deed to the Bishop of the Diocese and his successors in that office. An expenditure of about three hundred dollars is almost a necessity, in order to make the interior suitable for our service. This feeble flock, few in numbers and poor in worldly goods, have done what they could in repairing the outside. The attendance on occasions of Divine Worship is not large but regular, and indicates

interest and steady growth. A small Sunday School has been started, but has not been long enough in operation to warrant a statistical Report as a permanent arrangement. Will not some one, having the work of Missions at heart, aid us in making our Church more convenient in its interior arrangement, and more worthy the object of worship, enabling us to have things done decently and in order?

Elgin, Church of the Redeemer. - - - *Vacant.*

Church Wardens—Jno. F. Beaty, Robert Vasey.

Families, 14; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 86.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; Total, 6. Confirmed, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 2; Removed, 2; Present Number, 27.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 2; Total, 3.
Scholars: Male, 4; Female, 6; Total, 10.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4; Catechumens, 4.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times, Sundays, 86; Other Days, 7.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $17.00; Amount Paid, $17.00; Parish Purposes, $42.52.

This Parish, although without a Church, and, since October last without a Pastor, is steadily growing in numbers and increasing in strength, looking forward with gratitude to the early prospect of having a House of their own, to be consecrated to the worship of Almighty God. We have nearly three thousand dollars subscribed towards building a Church, and are now negotiating for a lot; that secured, we propose to commence building at once.

The inconvenience we now labor under, interferes materially with our efforts to increase the Sunday School, but the duty involved in this branch of Christ's service is felt by the people, and makes them the more anxious to have their Church, that this duty may be the better fulfilled.

JNO. F. BEATY, *Lay Reader.*

Evanston, St. Mark's. - - *The Rev. Thomas Lyle.*

Church Wardens—Charles Comstock, Alden G. Wilder.

Families, 23; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 127.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Total, 5. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Received, 3; Removed, 8; Present Number, 29.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 23; Female, 36; Total, 59.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 96; Other Days, 32.
Holy Comunion—Number Times: Public, 14; Private, 1.
Alms—Whole Amount, $25.88.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $10.35.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $34.00; Amount Paid, $34.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $3.00; Parish Purposes, $1,256.65; Other Church Offerings, $18.33; Total, $1,348.21.

The Rev. Mr. Buckmaster resigned the Rectorship of this Parish in March last. The foregoing Report includes his ministrations to that time. The present Rector took charge May 26th. The prospects of the Parish are quite encouraging.

Farmington, Calvary. - - The Rev. C. A. Bruce.

Church Wardens—Wm. Wilkinson, Sen., L. Warner.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 2; Total of Souls, 50.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Total, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Removed, 2; Present Number, 22.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 20; Total, 30.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 17; Other Days, 1.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 8; Private, 2.
Alms—Whole Amount, $55.45.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $21.00.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $27.00; Amount Paid, $27.00; Parish Purposes, $21.00; also, about $1,400 has been raised for a Parsonage; Other Church Offerings—Jubilee College, $17.00.

I took charge of this Parish on the Feast of the Nativity, and have been discharging the duties of the Rectorship, devoting one-half of my time alternately, every other Sunday, with Galesburg. Prospects of the Parish are good. A good Parsonage has been purchased and nearly paid for, and the faithful few who compose the Parish, are endeavoring to strengthen the things that remain.

Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's. - *The Rev. H. T. Hiester.*

Church Wardens—Bebee Clark, John Yocum.

Families, 23; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 120.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; Adults, 3; Total, 4. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Present Number, 40.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 22; Female, 23; Total, 45.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times: Monthly, during Summer Season. Catechumens—Whole School.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 62; Other Days, 4.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 10.
Alms—Whole Amount, $50.83.
Contributions—Missions: Foreign, $7.00.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $40.00; Amount Paid, $40.00; Parish Purposes, $166.30.

Not included in the above Report are numerous services by the Rector in remote parts of the Parish, on the afternoons of Sundays during the summer season. The object of these Services has been to make the Church more widely known in the neighborhood, and prepare the way for Church organizations when the time comes.

Freeport, Zion. - - - *The Rev. John W. Clark.*

Baptisms—Infants, 3; Adults, 12; Total, 15. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 6. Burials, 9.
Communicants—Present Number, 70.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 7; Total, 12.
Scholars: Total, 100.

The present incumbent has had charge of the Parish only since the first Sunday of July, which fact will account for the defective character of the foregoing Report. From the first Sunday of October until May 12th, he served the Parish of St. James' Church, Lewistown. The Report of said Parish, will, probably, be made by the Warden. In the interim, after leaving Lewistown, he had temporary charge of the Parish at Quincy.

Galena, Grace. - - - *The Rev. Samuel Edson.*

Church Wardens—Frederick Stahl, Richard Seal.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 250.

Baptisms—Infants, 14; Adults, 2; Total, 16. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 8. Burials, 8.

Communicants—Admitted, 6; Removed, 4; Died, 1; Present Number, 79.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 11; Total, 13.
Scholars: Total, 70.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times: Every Sunday, publicly in Sunday School.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 48; Other Days, 37.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 13; Private, 2.

Alms—Whole Amount, $50.29.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, 71.76; Domestic, $26.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $78.00; Amount Paid, $78.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $7.70; Parish Purposes, $255.00; Other Church Offerings—For Sunday School, $14.45; Collections by Sunday School, $85.00; For Society for Increase of the Ministry, $15.35; For Jubilee College, $46.80.

Galesburg, Grace. - - - *The Rev. C. A. Bruce.*

Church Wardens—T. P. Martin, Sen., David Greenleaf.

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 40.

Baptisms—Infants, 4; Total, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Received, 1; Removed, 4; Present Number, 20.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 4; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 8; Female, 20; Total, 28.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 35; Other Days, 6.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 10.

Alms—Whole Amount, $32.46.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $5.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $20.00; Amount Paid, $20.00; Parish Purposes, $80.00; Other Church Offerings, $17.00.

This Parish needs the fostering care of the Church, and will largely repay any help afforded it. Considering the peculiar circumstances in which it has been placed, it is doing as well as could be expected.

Geneseo, Trinity. - - - - - - - *Vacant.*

Church Wardens—Willis Hinman, Robert Flint.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 110.
Baptisms—Infants, 3; Total, 3.
Communicants—Present Number, 16.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 2; Total, 3.
Scholars: Male, 5; Female, 10; Total, 15.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 3.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 2.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $13.00; Amount Paid, $13.00; Parish Purposes, $140.00.

This Parish has been without a Rector since September 1st, 1866. This will account for the meagerness of the Report. It is most earnestly hoped this state of things will not continue.

The Clergymen who have rendered services to the Parish are the Revs. W. T. Curry, Willis H. Barris, of Davenport, Albert E. Wells, of Peru, and the Rev. Mr. Johnson, of Iowa.

WILLIS HINMAN, *Senior Warden.*

Geneva, St. Mark's. - - *Lay Reader, A. W. Glass.*

Church Wardens—A. W. Glass, B. F. Towner.

Families, 22; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 110.
Baptisms—Infants, 3; Total, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, 22.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 13; Female, 17; Total, 30.
Alms—Whole Amount, $2.75.

From December to April, the Rev. Wm. Greene held regular Sunday services for this Congregation, and now visits it once a month for the administering of the Holy Communion.

Mr. A. W. Glass acts as Lay Reader and Superintendent of the Sunday School. His labors have been the means of keeping the people together, and entitle him to much credit.

Jacksonville, Trinity. - - *The Rev. T. N. Morrison.*

Church Wardens—Henry Stryker, Sen., J. L. Morrison.

Families, 55; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 11; Total, 11. Marriages, 6. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Present Number, 80.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 8; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 55; Total, 80.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 10; Private, 1.
Alms—Whole Amount, $53.30.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $380.00; Domestic, $25.00; Foreign, $25.00.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $79.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $25.00; Other Church Offerings, $106.43.

The Church is being enlarged and improved. When completed it will seat nearly twice the congregation which it formerly did. The amount raised for this improvement will be stated in the next Parochial Report. As we have had no regular place for holding services during the summer, the visitation of the Bishop was postponed at the request of the Rector.

Joliet, Christ. - - - *The Rev. Charles A. Gilbert.*

Church Wardens—William Smith, L. A. Fuller.

Families, 70; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 9; Adults, 6; Total, 15. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 5. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Admitted, 19; Received, 7; Removed, 18; Present Number, 105.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 37; Female, 58; Total, 95.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times: Weekly. Catechumens—Sunday School.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 86; Other Days, 36.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 13.
Alms—Whole Amount, $52.10.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $86.60.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $97.00; Parish Purposes, $371.41; Other Church Offerings, $165.00; Total, $675.11.

The Diocesan Assessment will be paid in full early in the next Conventional year. With this exception, the general condition of the Parish is much better than that of any preceding year.

Kankakee, St. Paul's. - The Rev. Duane Seneca Phillips.

Church Wardens—William Sibley, Emory Cobb.

Families, 46; Individuals not thus included, 21; Total of Souls, 204.

Baptisms—Infants, 11; Adults, 9; Total, 20. Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.

Communicants—Admitted, 10; Received, 6; Removed, 3; Present Number, 41.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 10; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 43; Female, 61; Total, 104.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 11. Catechumens, 104.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 112; Other Days, 49.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 10.

Alms—Whole Amount, $58.49.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $18.00; Domestic, $6.00

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $29.82; Amount Paid, $30.82; Parish Purposes, $693.00; Other Church Offerings—Nashota Missions, $51.60; Sunday School and Parish Library, $57.00.

I assumed the Rectorship of this Parish the 20th of June last. My Report herewith transmitted covers, however, the whole year past, but that part relating to time previous to the beginning of my labors here must necessarily be imperfect.

I find the Church young, but vigorous. We have a few zealous and determined men and women, who, both by their hearty labors and Christian lives, are doing much for the prosperity of the Church. There is much interest in the Sunday School; the attendance on the services is increasing; and with God's blessing a good work may be accomplished here for the Church of Christ.

St. Anne, Kankakee Co. - The Rev. Charles B. Guillemont.

Church Wardens—Laurent Chaille, Antoine Masse.

Families, 31; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 141.

Baptisms—Infants, 15; Total, 15. Marriages, 3. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Admitted, 8; Removed, 6; Died, 1; Present Number, 49.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 1; Total, 2.
Scholars: Male, 21; Female, 12; Total, 33.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 45.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times; Sundays, 60; Other Days, 15.

Holy Communion—Number Times; Public, 12; Private, 1.
Contributions—Missions: Domestic, $2.25.

Much good may be done, by patience and self-denial, among this very poor, but interesting people.

Kewanee, St. John's. - - *The Rev. W. T. Thompson.*

Church Wardens—R. P. Parrish, J. Hopkins.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 210.
Baptisms—Infants, 18; Adults, 3; Total, 21. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 1; Removed, 6; Present Number, 53.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 7; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 60; Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8. Catechumens, 50.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 93; Other Days, 58.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 9; Private, 2.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan—Pledged, $110.00; Paid, $92.50; Domestic, $10.00.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $54.00; Amount Paid, $54.00; Parish Purposes, $300.97; Other Church Offerings—Griswold College, Iowa, $22.00.

The present incumbent took charge of this Parish Nov. 1st, 1866. It was then considered in a healthy condition, both financially and otherwise. We trust that God will bless us more abundantly, through our humble endeavors in the exercise of that faith which *works* by love.

Lacon, St. John's. - - *The Rev. Jas. S. McGowan.*

Church Wardens—F. H. Stire, L. C. Rose.

Families, 11; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 51.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 2; Total, 18. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Received, 3; Removed, 2; Died, 1; Present Number, 13.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 11; Female, 7; Total, 18.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 5.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 95; Other Days, 10.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 8.

Alms—Whole Amount, $15.98.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $1.70.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $13.00; Amount Paid, $13.00; Parish Purposes, $20.00.

The Parish of St. John's Church, Lacon, is by no means strong; yet it is slowly growing in number and strength. It is with great effort on the part of the Parish, and with some sacrifice on the part of the Clergyman, that Services are sustained. The town of Henry, some seven miles from Lacon, has been occupied as a Missionary Station during the past year, together with Lacon. The Church life and spirit in Henry is quite encouraging. With the Missionary aid for a short period, no doubt Lacon and Henry, united, will soon be self-supporting.

Lee Centre, St. Paul's. - *The Rev. Robert Trewartha.*

Church Wardens—Charles Gardner, R. C. Blake.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 51.

Baptisms—Infants, 3; Total, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Removed, 2; Present Number, 14.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 16.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $1.20.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $16.00; Amount Paid, $10.00.

The meagerness of this Report is occasioned by my having left this Parish in November last, to officiate in St. Peter's, Chesterfield, Macoupin County, where I read Prayers and preached on Sundays and other days, forty-one times; also, baptized six children. I returned to this Parish in June of this current year, and by the unanimous call of the Vestry, assumed my former position as Minister in charge.

The Sunday School has been discontinued solely for the want of teachers. None coming forward to assist in this great and good work, causes me much trial and tribulation, but pray in faith, believing that a brighter day to gather in souls for Christ in this part of His vineyard, is not far distant.

Lewistown, St. James'. - - *The Rev. John W. Clark.*

Church Wardens—S. Corning Judd, D. W. C. Bryant.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 97.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Total, 5.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 2; Present Number, 16.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 7; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 16; Female, 40; Total, 56.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 15; Catechumens, 50.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 13.
Alms—Whole Amount, $115.20.
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $84.60.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $16.00; Amount Paid, $16.00; Parish Purposes, $548.20.

The Parish is at present without a Rector. Vigorous efforts are being made to fill the vacancy. Lay Reading Services are kept up.

S. CORNING JUDD, *Sr. Warden.*

Limestone, Christ. - - *The Rev. W. M. Steel.*

Church Wardens—James Clark, George Norwood.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 80.
Baptisms—Infants, 9; Adults, 2; Total, 11. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Removed, 5; Present Number, 29.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Total, 35.
Holy Communion—Number Times, 8.

Manhattan, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. Samuel Cowell.*

Church Wardens—John Young, Edward Crafts.

Families, 23; Total of Souls, 91.
Baptisms—Adults, 2; Total, 2. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Removed, 2; Present Number, 20
Sunday School—Teachers: Total, 5.
Scholars: Total, 80.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 27; Other Days, 1.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 3.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $12.00; Domestic, $10.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Paid, $10.00; Parish Purposes, $10.13. Other Church Offerings, $0.80.

The prospects of the Parish are encouraging. The contributions of the Church, both to the Minister and to general purposes, are enlarged.

Marengo, Advent. - - - *The Rev. John Cauch.*

Church Wardens—Thomas Diamond, L. C. Casely.

Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

I exceedingly regret not being able to report an improvement in this Parish. Not having a place in which to hold our Public Services, we have held none during the past Conventional year. All my ministerial services in the Parish are included in one Marriage and one Funeral. I have supplied three Sundays at Trinity Church, Belvidere, for the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Cooper. For several months past, and at the present time, I am unable to perform public duty, owing to a severe attack of rheumatism.

Morris, St. Thomas'. - - - *The Rev. W. J. Pigott.*

Church Wardens—J. S. R. Scovill, Chas. Power.

Families, 31; Individuals not thus included, 9; Total of Souls, 140.

Baptisms—Infants, 18; Total, 18. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4.

Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 8; Removed, 9; Died, 1; Present Number, 34.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 14; Female, 30; Total, 44.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 3.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 83; Other Days, 17.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 9.

Alms—Whole Amount, $81.29.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $2.85.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $24.00; Parish Purposes, $231.17; Other Church Offerings—$72.20, Sunday School Purposes; $772.05 were raised for Church Building Purposes.

From Thursday, February 21st, 1867, St. George's Parish, Utica, has been under my charge, during which time the Church Services have been regularly conducted one day in the week, and one Sunday in the month.

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Naperville, St. John's. - - - - - - *Vacant.*

Church Wardens—S. P. Stevens, James G. Wright.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 90.

Baptisms—Infants, 11*; Adults, 7; Total, 18. Confirmed, 12. Marriage, 1. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Admitted, 10; Removed, 4; Died, 2; Present Number, 89.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 16; Female, 28; Total, 44.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times: Every Sunday. Catechumens—The Sunday School.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 90; Other Days, 52.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 16; Private, 2.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $9.11.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund; Amount Assessed, $34.00; Amount Paid, $34.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $1.60; Parish Purposes, $970.00; Other Church Offerings, $24.90.

This interesting and earnest Parish is now vacant, the late Rector, the Rev. John Harris Knowles, having accepted a Canonry in the Cathedral, Chicago. The past year has been one of work and progress. To this, the amount raised for Parish and other purposes, witness. In this sum is included a handsome lot for a Parsonage, adjoining the Church, the gift of a devoted and zealous member of the Parish.

Onarga, Trinity. - - *The Rev. Philander Chase.*

Church Warden—Horace Pinney.

Families, 11; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 65.

Baptisms—Infants, 6; Total, 6.

Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 2; Removed, 3; Present Number, 15.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 6; Total, 7.
Scholars: Total, 25.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 5.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 36; Other Days, 1.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 4.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $5.00.

Assessments—Parish Purposes, about $400.00.

* Of these, six were Baptized during a Mission in Mendota.

This Parish, so far, has shown a great deal of zeal and determination to keep up Services and build a Church. They have been obliged to hire a hall at a high rate. To support the Services for half of the time, they have also raised the money, and purchased an organ, and at the same time they have been collecting money and making arrangements to build, which they expect to accomplish this fall. When they succeed in completing their Church building, I have no fear but that Onarga will carry her work forward prosperously, by God's blessing.

Besides work in this Parish, I have to report a monthly Service given to Wyoming for six months after last Convention, with the administration of the Communion three times; also, monthly Service held at Chenoah part of the time, and also at Fairbury. I have also to report the Baptism of two children, besides those reported in the Parish of Onarga.

Ottawa, Christ. - - - { *The Rev. Edwin Coan,* / *The Rev. W. J. Pigott.*

Church Wardens—J. W. Dow, Wm. Osman.

Families, 75; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 350.

Baptisms—Infants, 9; Adults, 5; Total, 14. Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6.

Communicants—Admitted, 19; Removed, 10; Present Number, 92.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 12; Total, 16.
Scholars: Male, 75; Female, 81; Total, 156.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12. Catechumens, 70.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 91; Other Days, 70.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 12; Private, 1.

Alms—Whole Amount, Since Dec. 23, $35.60.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $63.70; Domestic, $14.25.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $191.20; Amount Paid, $191.20; Parish Purposes, $1,046.47; Other Church Offerings, $110.82.

The present Rector accepted the charge of this Parish on the fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 23, 1866, after a vacancy of about eight months succeeding the resignation of the Rev. T. N. Benedict, and consequently is unable to give exact statistics in every particular for the year. The Parish is exhibiting a gratifying zeal in Missionary enterprises. Through its agency Church Services have been established at Marseilles and South Ottawa, and arrangements are perfected for the opening of Services at Seneca. The report of the offerings of this Parish for Diocesan Missions comprises only the amount which has been transmitted to the Treasurer of the Missionary Board. The actual contributions of the Parish far exceed the amount thus

stated, and are disbursed directly for the sustenance of the Missionary enterprises named above. The Rev. W. J. Pigott has recently accepted the position of Assistant Minister, and will in future have charge of these Missionary stations, continuing also the charge of St. George's Utica. The Rector has also officiated once at Mendota, in pursuance of a voluntary arrangement among the surrounding clergy to maintain stated Services at that place.

A Parochial School is about to be opened in the Parish, to be known as "Christ Church Grammar School," which will be placed under the entire charge of the Assistant Minister as Dean and Head Master.

The Church lot is paid for, and efforts will be made towards the erection of a new and beautiful Church on the commanding site which has been secured for that purpose.

Marseilles, St. Andrew's Mission. - *The Rev. Edwin Coan.*

Families, 10; Individuals, about 40.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Communicants, 4.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 3; Total, 7.
Scholars: Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 8.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 1.

The Mission has been established by the agency and support of the parishioners of Christ Church, Ottawa. Services are held every other Sunday, and the Sunday School is regularly maintained every Sunday. A surplice and a supply of Prayer Books have been provided for the Mission. The Services have thus far been conducted by the Rector of Christ Church, Ottawa. The Rev. W. J. Pigott, having recently accepted the position of Assistant Minister of that Parish, will in future have charge of these Services.

Pekin, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. A. B. Russell.*

Church Wardens—Wm. Stanbury, Wm. Blenkison.

Families, 51; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls, 127.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 7; Total, 20.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Removed, 3; Present Number, 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 11; Total, 16.
Scholars: Male, 33; Female, 63; Total, 96.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 103; Other Days, 18.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 10.

Alms—Whole Amount, $30.70.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $5.10; Domestic, $14.75.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Paid, $11.90. Parish Purposes: $35.00. Other Church Offerings—Freedmen's Commission, $9.00.

The Congregation has steadily increased since I took charge of the Parish in October last, until they have determined on building a new Church, having purchased a very desirable lot for this purpose. There is great reason for encouragement in regard to the growth and general prospects of the Parish.

In connection with this Parish I have officiated since April—on alternate Sundays—in the Parish at Tremont. They report 12 Communicants; Sunday School Scholars, 21; Teachers—Male, 1; Female, 2; Alms, $4.00. Pay $5.00 to Missionary each service. Have not been represented in Diocese for some years.

Peoria, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. W. H. Roberts.*

Church Wardens—A. G. Tyng, M. Griswold.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total of Souls, 1,000.

Baptisms—Infants, 17; Adults, 1; Total, 18. Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10.

Communicants—Admitted, 20; Received, 8; Removed, 20; Present Number, 180.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 10; Female, 18; Total, 28.
Scholars: Male, 75; Female, 100; Total, 175.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 20. Catechumens—The School.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 92; Other Days, 80.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 11; Private, 1.

Alms—Whole Amount, $553.91.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $1,000.00; Domestic, $15.00; Foreign, $10.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $175.00; Amount Paid, $175.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $52.00; Parish Purposes, $3,708.00; Other Church Offerings, $500.00.

The Parish is regarded as in a highly prosperous condition.

Our Parochial work, during the past year, has involved quite a large expenditure in money, and has embraced the entire city and suburbs.

Early in the year, the Rev. John Benson was elected Assistant Minister of St. Paul's Parish, and placed in charge of a Chapel, which had been suitably fitted up for the Services of the Church. Here ten persons were Confirmed by the Bishop at his last visitation.

Besides the Chapel work, which includes a Sunday School, there are four Mission Schools and an Industrial School for girls, embracing in all not less than seven hundred children.

Peoria, Free Chapel. - - *The Rev. John Benson.*

Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 1; Total, 3. Confirmed, 10. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Present Number, 34.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 67; Other Days, 19.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 8.
Alms—Whole Amount, $35.80.
Assessments—Parish Purposes, $77.21.

Peru, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. Albert E. Wells.*

Church Wardens—Naason Young, William Morrison.

Families, 32; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 132.
Baptisms—Infants, 20; Adults, 2; Total, 22. Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 5. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Received, 1; Present Number, 21.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 28; Total, 40.
Catechumens—The Bible Class.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 81; Other Days, 48.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 13.
Alms—Whole Amount, $31.31.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $28.00; Amount Paid, $28.00. Parish Purposes, $207.25.

The Report for this Parish is from the 11th of November, when the present Rector entered upon his duties. Owing to many causes, the entire amount of offerings raised have unavoidably been applied to Parish purposes. With a Communicant list of only twenty-one we have raised an average of over twelve dollars per Communicant, in addition to the Rector's salary. It is hoped that these necessities will not occur the ensuing year.

In addition to my regular Services every Lord's day, in the Parish, I have officiated three times at Geneseo, and three times at Mendota, which place, with the assistance of the neighboring Clergy, I have undertaken to supply with a weekly Service. There are seventeen Communicants there, and it is a place of growing importance, and as a centre for Missionary operations ought to be occupied by the Church immediately. Since the 14th of July I have been in charge of St. Mark's Church, La Salle, and have officiated there once each Lord's day.

Polo, Trinity. - - - *The Rev. D. W. Dresser.*

Church Warden—J. R. Phelps.

Families, 23; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 100.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 2; Present Number, 23.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 7; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 24; Female, 18; Total, 42.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, (Lay Service) 38; Other Days, 12.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 1.
Alms—Whole Amount, $2.00.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $23.00. Parish Purposes, $250.00.

Since last Convention this Parish remained without any clerical supervision whatever, until April last. Since that time it has been under the charge of the Rev. D. W. Dresser, of Dixon, who holds Service and preaches Thursday evenings.

On Advent Sunday we opened our Church for Lay Service, which has been continued without interruption. At the same time re-opened our Sunday School.

Of the $250 raised for Parish purposes, $150 was appropriated to pay the balance on our organ, $50 to the Sunday School, and the remaining $50 is on hand.

In January last we organized a "Parish Aid Society," each member paying five cents per week. Thus far it has worked well, amounting to eleven dollars per month. A meeting is held on the first Wednesday evening of each month, when its business is transacted, and its money appropriated to such objects as the Society may direct.

J. R. PHELPS, *Warden.*

Princeton, Redeemer. - - - *The Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Church Wardens—Wm. Bacon, Thomas M. Woodruff.

Families, 23; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 50.
Marriages, 3. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 23.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 4; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 6; Female, 14; Total, 20.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 1.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 47.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 5.
Alms—Whole Amount, $17.58.
Contributions—Missions: Domestic, $8.00.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $23.00; Amount Paid, $23.00; Parish Purposes, $950.00.

The Parish has the services of the Rev. F. B. Nash, (whose residence is at Tiskilwa,) once on each Sunday; is using all its energies to finish a Church edifice, which was commenced last year.

WILLIAM BACON, *Senior Warden.*

Providence, Zion. - - - *The Rev. F. B. Nash.*

This Parish has practically given up its distinct organization. There are about twenty Communicants still in the neighborhood. They are so much scattered, that it seems in a measure impossible to get them to work together in an efficient Church organization. Some of them are frequent attendants at the Church in Tiskilwa.

Quincy, St. John's. - - *The Rev. Sidney Corbett.*

Church Wardens—Francis C. Moore, H. A. Williamson.

Baptisms—Infants, 14; Adults, 1; Total, 15. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Present Number, 163.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 12; Female, 19; Total, 31.
Scholars: Total, 140.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 35.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 44; Other Days, 24.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 12.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $291.71.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $163.00; Amount Paid, $163.00; Parish Purposes, $315.00. Other Church Offerings—Building Purposes, $9,900.00, (less Amount reported last year.)

Rev. Sidney Corbett, Rector of the Parish, has been absent in Europe since February last, seeking to regain his health. He expects to sail on the return trip on the 29th August. Since his departure we have been, for a portion of the time, dependent upon Lay Reading, and for the remainder have had the services of Rev. J. W. Clarke and Rev. Jonas Greene, the latter being still in charge of the Parish. The absence of the Rector, and the lack of any record of the particulars, concerning which information is desired, (Baptisms, Marriages and Burials excepted,) will account for the meagerness of the Report. FRANCIS C. MOORE, *Senior Warden.*

Robin's Nest, Christ. - - *The Rev. Samuel Chase.*

Church Wardens—John Moss, Joseph Mayo.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 65; Total of Souls, 165.

Baptisms—Infants, 8; Total, 8. Confirmed, 13. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Admitted, 13; Received, 5; Removed, 5; Died, 3; Present Number, 79.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars: Total, 48.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 204; Other Days, 12.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 12.

Alms—Whole Amount, $19.68.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $26.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Paid, $89.05; Parish Purposes, $300.00; Other Church Offerings, $37.00.

Rockford, Emmanuel. - - *The Rev. J. E. Walton.*

Having had charge of this Parish only since the first Sunday in August, and finding no intelligible record for the past year, I find it impossible to give a Statistical Report of the Parish during that time, further than that the number of Communicants is sixty-seven. I am happy, however, to state that I find the Church in a very flourishing condition. Attendance on Divine Worship is large; the Church is full, and from present indications we shall soon be obliged either to enlarge our edifice or re-build. Our prospects are very hopeful, and the future is full of promise.

Salem, St. Thomas'. - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Wardens—Robert H. Whittaker, J. W. Merritt.

Families, 3; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 68.

Burials, 1.

Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 3; Died, 1; Present Number, 5.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 1.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 4; Private, 1.

Alms—Whole Amount, $4.25.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $5.00; Domestic, $4.25.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $8.00; Amount Paid, $8.00.

Our greatest difficulty is in getting a place to worship in. If we had a Church building of our own, the Congregation would be large, and the Service well supported.

Springfield, St. Paul's. - *The Rev. Wm. F. B. Jackson.*

Church Wardens—S. H. Treat, Antrim Campbell.

Families, 75; Individuals not thus included, 400; Total of Souls, 600.

Baptisms—Infants, 23; Adults, 1; Total, 24. Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 9. Burials, 7.

Communicants—Admitted, 9; Received, 12; Removed, 5; Died, 2; Present Number, 169.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 14.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 104; Other Days, 31.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 16; Private, 2.

Alms—Whole Amount, $170.27.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $226.80.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $155.00; Amount Paid, $155.00; Parish Purposes, $11,425.87; Other Church Offerings, $226.59.

The Rector is glad to report the Parish in a flourishing condition, though laboring under a debt incurred by the recent enlargement of the Church edifice. Had it not been for this debt, the contributions for Diocesan purposes would have been much larger. The influence of the Church is being felt throughout the community, and many who have hitherto been strangers to her ways, are asking for the "old paths."

Under the head of "Other Church Offerings," may be placed, $125.00 for Jubilee College; $336.44 for Sunday School purposes; $267.25 for Sufferers in the South; $318.80 contributed at the meetings of the "Parish Aid Society," and which has been devoted to the purposes of laying out and keeping in order the grounds about the Church and Rectory; $184.10 to the Endowment Fund, $155.00 of which was taken to pay the Parish Assessment.

Sterling, Grace. - - - *The Rev. John Gierlow.*

Church Wardens—Gabriel Davis, Lorenzo Hapgood.

Families, 46; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 170.

Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 9; Total, 13. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5.

Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 4; Removed, 6; Present Number, 45.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 30; Female, 40; Total, 70.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 57; Other Days, 22.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 12.

Alms—Whole Amount, $53.00.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $16.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $40.00; Amount Paid, $40.00; Parish Purposes, $187.00; Other Church Offerings, $86.00.

With gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, I cannot but express my sincere thankfulness for the spiritual improvement which has been evidenced in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. We have, what may properly be regarded as tokens of the Holy Spirit's presence, good and attentive Congregations. We have a beautiful and substantial Church edifice, with a debt hanging over it, it is true, but with fair prospects of being speedily relieved. I believe that during the last year the Services of the Church have made their impress upon the community generally with wholesome effect.

Sycamore, St. Peter's. - *The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D. D.*

Church Warden—Isaac Johnson.

Families, 36; Individuals not thus included, 23; Total of Souls, 140.

Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 2; Total, 18. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.

Communicants—Admitted, 9; Received, 7; Removed, 10; Died, 1; Present Number, 35.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 8; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 26; Female, 23; Total, 49.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 101; Other Days, 26.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 13.

Alms—Whole Amount, $81.45.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $6.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $30.00; Amount Paid, $30.00; Parish Purposes, $13.67.

The repairs and improvements alluded to in the last Report of this Parish have been completed at an expense of about $1,700.00, of which $350.00 remains as a debt. The Church has been greatly improved; the ceiling plastered; a number of pews, a new gallery and vestry room added. The Church has been painted within and without, a handsome organ procured, and the Church is now chaste and beautiful, and a credit to the congregation. At present its principal defect is want of room.

The Church Social, to which the Parish is so largely indebted, is still in vigorous operation. During the year it has quietly raised the sum of $481.00.

The children are regularly catechized in the Sunday School in addition to other instructions, and thus far the Rector has never failed to be present during all the exercises of the school.

In connection with St. Peter's, Service is held every Sunday afternoon at DeKalb, and if they can be continued, there is good prospect of establishing a Parish in that growing town.

The sums reported for Parish purposes are exclusive of the Rector's salary, and of the liberal Christmas gift which he desires gratefully to acknowledge.

Tiskilwa, St. Jude's. - - *The Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Church Wardens—Henry A. Smith, Oliver Milling.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 175.

Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 1; Total, 6. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Received, 3; Removed, 2; Died, 1; Present Number, 50.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 6; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 40; Total, 60.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 68; Other Days, 3.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 6; Private, 1.

Alms—Whole Amount, $18.00.

Contributions—Missions: Domestic, $10.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $50.00; Amount Paid, $50.00. Parish Purposes, $900.00.

The Church in Tiskilwa is seemingly in a prosperous condition. We are steadily progressing in paying off our Church debt. When that is done, this Parish will probably be nearly if not quite able to sustain itself.

Utica, St. George. - - *The Rev. Wm. J. Pigott.*

Church Warden—Charles S. Ringold.

Families, 14; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total of Souls, 56.

Burials, 2.

Communicants—Admitted, 6; Present Number, 6.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.

Scholars: Male, 22; Female, 24; Total, 46.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 17.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 2.

Alms—Whole Amount, $9.88.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $14.00; Amount Paid, $3.00; Parish Purposes, $99.60; Other Church Offerings, $64.80.

On my taking charge of this Parish, it was ascertained that since the ministrations of Rev. C. P. Clark, of Ottawa, no Services have been held. This fully accounts for its feeble character. Since I have taken charge, the Services have been well maintained. The Sunday School, recently organized, is strong and flourishing. I purpose now to give regular Services every other Sunday, and devoting the intervening Lord's day to Seneca and Marseilles.

Warsaw, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds.*

Church Wardens—Abraham Chittenden, Pierre A. Barker.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 155.

Baptisms—Infants, 8; Adults, 3; Total, 11. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 4; Present Number, 24.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 6; Total, 10.

Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 30; Total, 55.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 9. Catechumens, 25.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 92; Other Days, 45.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public 13.

Alms—Whole Amount, $47.01.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $47.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $25.00; Amount Paid, $25.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $1.50; Parish Purposes, $675.00; Other Church Offerings, $28.00.

The ladies of the Church have been very active and energetic during the past year, in raising funds for various purposes, especially for a Rectory. That they will, with God's blessing, ultimately succeed in this enterprise, so important to the welfare of the Parish, admits of no doubt. Several interesting persons are awaiting an opportunity for Confirmation, and some have been added to the Communion of the Church. The Rector conducts the Sunday School and catechizes the scholars once a month.

Waukegan, Christ. - - *The Rev. Richard F. Sweet.*

Church Wardens—William Besley, Chas. R. Steele.

Families, 84; Individuals not thus included, 19; Total of Souls, 364.

Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 1; Total 17. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5.

Communicants—Admitted, 10; Received, 12; Removed, 9; Died, 1; Present Number, 102.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 11; Total, 16.
Scholars: Male, 55; Female, 74; Total, 129.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4.

Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 93; Other Days, 67.

Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 16.

Alms—Whole Amount, $175.25.

Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $209.98; Domestic, $32.37; Foreign, $25.00.

Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $89.00; Amount Paid, $89.00; Aged and Infirm Clergymen, $6.25; *Parish Purposes, $2,372.85; †Other Church Offerings, $154.75.

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* Including amount paid toward purchase of Rectory, and repairs on same: repairs on Church building, Sunday School and Parish Library, etc.

† Including: Poor, $11.50; Nebraska, $30.00; Na-hota, $38.00; Protestant Episcopal Freedmen's Aid Society, $17.00; Endowment Fund, $26.00; Minnesota Mission School, $25.00, etc.

The growth of the Parish is retarded by the pressing want of increased Church accommodation. Many more families could have been reported could we have afforded them seats. This is a matter which claims the serious and prompt consideration of the Vestry and Congregation. Very much to his regret, the Rector has been unable to induce any action in the matter. The Rector has held two Mission Services on the Lord's day, in a Methodist Chapel in the town of Lake Forest, kindly loaned us for the occasion; also, one Service in the village of Libertyville. After Convention I intend to hold regular Services at each of these places on one Sunday in the month, and also one Service a month in the town of Avon. These Services are entirely gratuitous, and are held with a view not only of present good, but with the hope of preparing the way for the Services of a settled Missionary in the county.

Wilmington, Redeemer. - - *The Rev. James W. Coe.*

Church Wardens—C. W. Putnam, M. D., M. S. Hall.

Families, 37; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 180.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; Adults, 1; Total, 7. Marriages, 1. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Received, 4; Removed, 2; Present Number, 36.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 31; Female, 43; Total, 74.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 98; Other Days, 14.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 13; Private, 1.
Alms—Whole Amount, (Included below.)
Contributions—Missions: Diocesan, $15.75.
Assessments—Diocesan Fund: Amount Assessed, $34.00; Amount Paid, $34.00; Parish Purposes, $3,275.00; Other Church Offerings, $154.60.

This Parish has for several months past been held in check through lack of Church accommodations. This hindrance, I am happy to say, is about to be obviated by the erection of a new, tasty and churchly edifice, of sufficient dimensions to seat at least three hundred persons. The basement walls are already up, and the superstructure, it is expected, will be completed before winter.

The Sunday School, also, is in a very flourishing state. The amount of money raised for Parish purposes is for Church building and payments on Parsonage.

Permit me here to acknowledge my obligations to Rev. E. DeWolf, for his kind assistance in Church Services and Sunday School.

I have held Church Service this Summer, once a month on Sunday afternoons, at the Braidwood Coal Mines, about five miles from Wilmington.

El Paso, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. W. M. Steel.*

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 2; Total of Souls, 62.
Baptisms—Infants, 12; Adults, 3; Total, 15. Confirmed, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Present Number, 18.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 28; Other Days, 1.
Holy Communion—Number Times: Public, 3.

Spring Mission. - - - *The Rev. John A. Fitch.*

Families, 26; Total of Souls, 130.
Baptisms—Infants, 14; Total, 14.
Celebration of Divine Service—Number Times: Sundays, 29.

I have assisted the Rev. Mr. Cooper a few times.

The attendance is irregular. Individuals from Shattuck's Grove frequently attend. There are about fifteen families that I call upon and leave Tracts and the *Carrier Dove* with, who have not as yet attended our Services, but I hope that most of them will. We have no Sunday School. I had purchased various Catechisms to accommodate the different classes, and obtained some Sunday School books, but circumstances beyond my control prevented the accomplishment of my wishes. To remedy or supply this great need, in part, I distribute Catechisms, Sunday School Books, and the *Carrier Dove*. For the benefit of adults I distribute Books, the *Spirit of Missions* and Tracts. I have, during the year, made about four hundred calls and visits.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D.:

I have been engaged during the present Conventional year in academic duties at Jubilee College. My clerical services have consisted in aiding Dr. Chase in maintaining daily Service in the Chapel and preaching on Sundays.

THOS. N. BENEDICT.

PEORIA, Aug. 14, 1867.

To Bishop Whitehouse.

RIGHT REV. FATHER IN GOD:—Last year, some time previous to the meeting of the Diocesan Convention, I wrote to you from England a report of what few Services I had been privileged to perform during an absence, by your kind permission and advice, from my field of labor.

I returned about the middle of last October and officiated in each of the Parishes of Christ, Limestone Prairie, and Calvary, Farmington, two Sundays. Finding, however, that my strength was not equal to the requisite labor, and having received an invitation from the Pastor and Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Peoria, to take charge of a movement in that city for the extension of the Services of the Church, I accepted, and commenced work the latter end of November.

I herewith present a statement of the Services held and their results:

Since the end of November I have officiated twice each Lord's day, with the exception of once when I was ill, and three or four other days when I was absent and officiated in other places; then Prayer and a Sermon were read by our lay reader, Mr. Samuel Wilkinson.

During Lent we had a Service and sermon or address on each Wednesday and Friday, and every day during Passion Week.

The Holy Communion has been administered monthly. The first time there were twenty-one recipients, the last time thirty-one. Ten candidates for Confirmation have received the laying on of hands. One adult and two infants have been Baptised. I have attended three Funerals.

Through the kind gifts and exertions of members of the Congregation, we are in possession of a very neat Communion Service, alms basins and linen for the Altar Service, which give a character of permanency to our effort, and home-likeness to our hired house. But we look forward to the time when, by God's kind blessing, we shall be able to build a house to His glory.

Asking your prayers and fostering regard, Right Rev. Father,

I subscribe myself, faithfully and affectionately,

Your servant in Christ,

JOHN BENSON.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, LL. D., D. D. Oxon.

My Dear Bishop:—During the past year, ending July 15th, I have officiated as the Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford. The present Rector will furnish the Report of the Parish, as I left the statistics fully explained in the Parish Register. Your faithful Presbyter,

S. B. DUFFIELD.

Wood's Hole, Mass., Aug. 14, 1867.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., LL. D.:

During most of the time since the last Diocesan Convention, I have been traveling in foreign countries, and have officiated, either by reading the

Service or preaching, or both, in English and American Churches or Chapels in the following places, viz: Paris, Chantilly and Marseilles, in France; Cairo, in Egypt; Jerusalem and Beyrout, in Syria; Constantinople, in Turkey; Athens, in Greece; Rome and Florence, in Italy; Vienna, in Austria, and Hague, in Holland. I also officiated on a French steamship on the Mediterranean Sea, and on an English steamship on the Atlantic, in returning from England to America.

In the month of June I assisted Rev. Dr. Lyman at the Anglo-American Chapel, Paris, near the Exposition Building, on the first time that he officiated there as one of the appointed Chaplains.

Before leaving America I resigned St. John's Parish, Kewanee, and as thirty-five persons had, not long before, been presented for Confirmation, I had the gratification of resigning it in a prosperous and greatly enlarged membership, and an increased attendance upon its Services.

Very respectfully,

BENJ. R. GIFFORD.

CHICAGO, Ill, Aug. 21, 1867.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR:—Not having been regularly connected with any Parish in this Diocese during the last year, I hereby submit a report of occasional Services performed by me during that period:

Number of Services, 71; Baptisms, 3; Marriages, 2; Burials, 2. Holy Communion—Number of times administered, 8.

Respectfully yours,

JONAS GREENE.

No. 355½ BOWERY, NEW YORK,
August, 15, 1867.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR:—During the Conventional year of 1866–7 I have resided in the city of New York, where I have administered the Holy Communion in the Church of the Reconciliation, once; preached in the Church of All-Angels four times, and attended one Funeral. When I have preached, the Prayers of the Church have been read by another person, for I do not feel able to perform the whole of the Sunday Service at any one time.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

ASA GRISWOLD.

IONIA, Mich., Aug. 8, 1867.

Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Illinois:

The undersigned, since his resignation of the Rectorship of St. Paul's, Alton, has spent nearly the whole of his time within the Diocese of Michigan, and, under the sanction of the Right Reverend the Bishop, has been in active service most of the time.

Very Respectfully,

J. W. McCULLOUGH.

To the Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

The undersigned respectfully reports that during the past Conventional year he has been closely engaged in his duties as Rector of Immanuel Hall, but has officiated repeatedly on Sundays in St. Mark's Church, Evanston, and the Church of the Holy Communion, Chicago. At Immanuel Hall he has Baptised five students, and a class is ready for Confirmation. He would report twenty-five Sunday Scholars and five Communicants, as belonging to the Hall; and here records his wish that this institution may become the property of the Diocese or the Church at large, as soon as practicable, by purchase, on the most reasonable terms.

ROSWELL PARK.

August 21, 1867.

GALVA, Henry Co., Ill., Aug. 21, 1867.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., LL. D., &c.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR:—I arrived in Galva with my family on the 2d inst., and have held Service in a hall, rented by the Episcopalians, every Sunday since. I also held Service and preached in Union Hall on Friday evening, the 9th inst.

Respectfully yours, &c.,

J. A. RUSSELL.

ROCKFORD, July 31, 1867.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

For the present Conventional year I would report as follows:

Up to November 16th last, I was, as for years past, proprietor, &c., of the *American Churchman.* At that time, owing to ill health, I sold the paper and came to Rockford, where I have been residing since.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL,

FROM SEPT. 1ST, 1866, TO SEPT. 1ST, 1867.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:—In accordance with our Constitution, it becomes our duty once more to report to you the state of the Institution under our charge. The year has been, with us, one of steady prosperity and regular, faithful work. We have not enlarged the sphere of our operations, for circumstances have not seemed to warrant it, but we have done all the good that our limited accommodations permitted. We still occupy the same building, under a higher rent, however, and with many very great inconvenlences, and we daily feel the need of a building of our own, where we could feel that our tenure was not so precarious, and our plan more likely to endure. We have hopes that the Churchmen of Chicago will rally around us for the erection of such a building, absolutely necessary for the permanency of the Hospital. We have not yet made any effort in that direction, but we hope to do so before long, and in that we doubt not of your hearty cooperation, for our work is the only work of charity in which all the Churches of your chief city are united; and, we will venture to say, no work has done more to bring forward the Church as the minister to the suffering, a title that has been her glory and her pride from the most ancient times. We have sixteen beds, (on an emergency, seventeen,) all free, and all constantly filled, generally by the more respectable of the poor, who shrink from the indiscriminate mixture of the City Hospital, and yet are unable to furnish the means for private treatment. The Chaplain daily visits the Institution, and he reports six Baptisms, three Funerals and two private Communions. Service is held on Sundays, and every effort is made to induce the patients to improve their sickness for the good of their souls. Ladies, connected with the different Churches, constantly visit the Hospital, and watch over the welfare of its inmates, and the faithful Matron, Miss Miles, merits our warm thanks. Dr. John Owens still gratuitously performs all the medical

and surgical duties of the house, and his skill and attention call for our admiration and our gratitude. We subjoin a statement of our financial condition, and of the number of patients, etc., during the year:

Receipts from Sept. 1, 1866, to Sept. 1, 1867,	$5,913 58
Expenses " " " " "	5,277.64
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1867,	$ 635.94

This money has been contributed by the different Churches, for the most part, $1,600 of it being the fruits of an entertainment given by some friends. Many persons, however, not of the Church, have given liberally, and to these cash donations must be added a large quantity of fuel, provisions, housekeeping articles, a detailed account of which will be found in our annual printed Report. The following is the Report of the patients:

Number of Admissions from Aug. 15, 1866, to Aug. 15, 1867,	153
Discharged,	130
Cured,	99
Improved,	22
Incurable,	9
Deaths,	8
Inmates during the year, including Infants,	160
Largest number treated in a month,	29
Smallest " " "	22
Of these there were Males,	89
Females,	64

Born in British Possessions,	19	Born in Norway,	1
" England,	17	" Sweden,	2
" Ireland,	52	" Scotland,	4
" France,	2	" United States,	48
" Germany	7	" On the Ocean,	1

Their religious beliefs were:

Baptist,	6	Methodist,	15
Congregational,	2	Presbyterian,	15
Dutch Reformed,	1	Romanist,	57
Churchmen,	26	Spiritualist,	1
Lutheran,	7	Unitarian,	2
None,			21

CLINTON LOCKE, *President.*

A. W. SNYDER, *Secretary Board of Trustees.*

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SIXTEENTH

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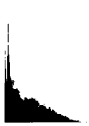

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THIS CONVENTION AND OF THE DIOCESE:

The difference is very marked between the active succession of "the outward business of the House of God," (*Neh.* xi: 16,) as the Bishop fulfills it, and the dull record of the same in the annual address. It has been prosecuted with vigor and hope. In each parish, and along the journey leading to it, incidents were constantly springing up, exciting to mind and heart. The busy hours teem with matters of external regulation, intercourse of religious friendship, and the quick recurring ministration of the sanctuary. Here and there, at least, impulses are imparted and returned, which are warm with the consciousness of good influence, useful guidance and awakening appeal.

But when the hour comes to sum up this living business, so manifold and wide—to chronicle the succession of these journeys and acts which have been coruscant with the ideal—the beauty and the energy seem alike departed, and the naked record lies with only the individual memory or chidings of its departed

life. The dry notation of them is like exhuming the dead for examination under a kind of suspicion of wrong or negligent doing. The work may have been done with prodigal exertion; but, as consecutive or developing for the workman's observation or thrift, it is squandered. It is all cast into the parochial life and sympathy of others, and absorbed in the natural current of their familiar associations. In the Pastor's life there is the succession of care, watchfulness and progress. One day succeeds another in the reiterated culture, and in a return of some kind to uphold and quicken the continuity of activity and feeling, as in the orange groves of the Southern clime, where blossoms and fruit are at the same time, among the leaves of unfading green,—the fragrance of promise, and the refreshment of success together. But for the Bishop there is no watch for development, no waiting for the ripening fruit, no cheering consciousness of individual influence lodged and trained and matured in the individual soul. As I have seen the mail bag flung from the unchecked train, with the mingled import for business, loves and sorrows in its leathern bosom, to circulate and go down into that village life without a thought of the watchful hand that delivered it; so does the chief pastor, in the "foolishness" of his office, "scatter his gifts," as precious, at least, as he had to give, and find, at the year's end, the detail summed in a few lines of his diary, and he who

has had the oversight of the "outward business of the House of God," not without profound relation, indeed, to the moral and spiritual, cannot stop to measure the reciprocating influences of familiar life, or leave his personal mark among the sanctuary and household affections, conflict and growths.

Hence, too, it appears that there is a peculiar claim for purity and holiness in the Bishop, because of his relative seclusion from other modes of influence. Hence, too, comes the malign strength of the least aspersion of his character or sinister abatement of his official reliability and strength. Hence become of far deeper import to him, tokens of public respect, reverence and confidence, from the notoriety of which as an individual he might unaffectedly shrink, but which, like winds on the great deep, keep his notoriety from moral stagnation and speed his acts on their onward course. He has little else to rely upon, under God, but the moral influence of his public character, and he must suffer or "fly in the tribulation" of an appointment which carries in all such characteristics as internal evidence of its divine original, while it bears along its uniform course the attest to the heart cry of the greatest and most experienced of our College, "We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels and to men."

As almoner of the gifts of the Church, as one who must build, and nourish, and move aggressively, leader

against the darkness of this world, and who must have somewhat adequate resources of men and money at his command, how can he get such resources, unless, in spontaneous confidence, the men and women of the Church will offer them; unless they will bring their minds and hearts to appreciate the great needs of Diocesan headship, and their heads and hands to shape and conduct its Cathedral, educational and benevolent institutions? How can he—a poor lone Bishop—achieve aught of real success in these grand confederate enterprises? You would not have the Bishop come with his subscription book to your stores and dwellings, a mendicant for alms given without heart, and doles too slight to carry with them your anxiety of prayer. He must stand by his place of honor and trust, to plan, to administer, and to unfold the object and the appeal; but the Church must gather round him, as an acknowledged centre of moral power; and the means must be entrusted to him as God's minister waiting upon this very thing.

Thoughts, of which these are hints, are too familiar to my experience and anxieties to be very specially suggested by any peculiar incident. But, perhaps, I may have been more aware of the beggary of a record this year because its working area has been compressed by absence from the country into less than half its span, and that little abruptly curtailed of another month by the

antedating of its regular Convention. For this official act, possibly with a shade of technical irregularity, the reason has been given in the letter of its call.

You have been all aware, that for the first time, in demonstrative unity, the Bishops of the Anglican Communion are to collect at Lambeth Palace, memorable for the history of its walls and archiepiscopal inmates; but dear to us in its venerable Chapel, as the place where White and Provoost knelt on the 4th of February, 1787, on their consecration as American Bishops, founders of the line which numbers four score and five in its succession, and half that number as its living fathers. Back to that hallowed spot, in faithful brotherhood, are we asked to come for counsel, and strength, and exhibitive fellowship. Proudly, as well as lovingly, may our Episcopal representatives go. For we have kept our ancestral Faith; we have been loyal to Doctrine, Discipline and Worship; we have sustained and spread them; in our national unity we have been true to our Catholicity; and are sure of a welcome and honor in our old homestead, even with its own grand expansion of heritage and sons.

I have been there—how kindly greeted and signally honored! I have been there at the auspicious deliberation which sanctioned this holy experiment, and have been permitted to vindicate its design and its hopes! This was a larger share, far, than my just allotment, but

from various sources, which it were vanity to catalogue, personal attendance has been urged upon me, as a bounden duty. As far as I could judge, my Diocese earnestly concurred in the conviction; and the Standing Committee embodied the expression of the sentiment and the advice for the call of this body, in language perhaps only too welcome to my heart. But strictly have I restrained myself from inward desire, and even the rough hewing of a purpose. Full of confidence that the Blessed One has results from this Council, of precious influence, on this hastening age of the Church, and in one sense, that failure is impossible, if the fact alone of the solemn brotherhood is engrossed on her record,—still have I trembled before the responsibility of a seat in the august circle, and the multiform hazards, in what may be tried, or done, or left undone. I have left myself, therefore, to drift passively on, so that I might be, as far as possible, sustained by the special disposal of God's Providence, and the resolution, by others more competent, of a seeming conflict of duties. Through the kindness of the venerable Presiding Bishop, I have been selected to preach the opening sermon; but, after accepting it, and with preparation for its fulfillment, I have felt assured that the honor far more appropriately belongs to himself; and that, in this conviction, my brethren, when we meet in London, will concur. I can only, therefore, beg the Convention to hold the

matter entirely at their disposal; and assure them, that any hesitation on their part, would be conclusive with me, for receding from the so far anticipated absence.

Taking the long time of my late tour as a standard, I might safely dismiss the apprehension of injury to my Diocese, and rather glory in a compensating state of peculiar harmony, vigor and progress. The scenes and incidents abroad, which surprised me in their occurrence, and filled my soul with gratitude and love, have been quickening to you in your Churchly brotherhood and struggle. Consciously the heart of the Diocese has spread itself to the measure of a larger unity and more joyous fellowship. Its mind grasps with comprehension plans and hopes and realities of ideal grandeur, but still practical enough to invigorate the home work, and brighten our domestic duties. We feel, God be praised, that virtue is gone out from a higher source among us. The Journal of the last Convention beams in its resolutions, and far more than record can reflect, in the spirit that animated, and the works which have followed it, with the same harmony, largeness and diffusion. The dreary time of isolated and selfish congregationalism seems past, and Diocesan work and sympathy are more honored in these claims, and are felt in parochial cheering. My praise and yours will ascend as most bounden to the only Giver of all good things, but at the same time I have hearty thanks to render to you, for the co-

operative vigor which supplied my lack of service; for your faithful support of discipline and considerate restoration of the disfranchised Church, on its expressed contrition; for the thorough report of the Special Committee upon the inter-Diocesan relations between Ohio and Illinois, in the case of the Rev. J. W. Cracraft; for the unanimous resolution on Catholic Unity, and the affectionate tributes to myself, (pp. 42–59,) which have been so signally demonstrated in Chicago and many parishes, since my return; for the resolution to provide for the Bishop a suitable residence; for the forethought which provided for the assembling of the Convention again, as an adjourned meeting, at my discretion; and especially for the public appreciation of the services of the Bishop of Iowa, and the Assistant Bishop of Indiana, performed at my request, during my absence; and for which, as I have privately done, I here also publicly express my gratitude. In addition to these resolutions, so grateful in their sentiments, there are two, one of which was specially to encourage and mature my inchoate Cathedral plans, (p. 61,) and the other, to elicit through the subject of rural Deanries, advisory system for district supervision of Missionary work, and the subordinate local co-operation of the Clergy and Laity, in the spiritual and temporal advance of the Church. (p. 23.) On each of these, in order, I will offer such response as a few paragraphs of a crowded address may allow, beg-

ging to reserve an attempt at adequate exposition for some special paper or occasion, as need may require.

CATHEDRAL SYSTEM.

In the Providence of God I have been called in an honorable service to such exposition of the Cathedral system as could be compressed in a sermon even of intrusive length. By invitation from the Most Reverend the Metropolitan of Canada, on the 18th of June, I preached at the consecration of the imposing and effective Cathedral, which has been finished in the city of Montreal. By the courtesy of the officers, that sermon has been published, and I shall have the honor of putting a copy of it into the hands of each of my clergy.

In this resolution, (p. 61,) the Bishop is requested, when by him deemed expedient, to enlarge and develop into actual practice those ideas which he may deem inherent to the well working of the system, and adapted to the exigencies of the Church in this country, and submit the same for action by this Body.

The Cathedral system is itself inherent to the office of Bishop. The constitution, as well as the architectural form of the building, although, under definite principles, ecclesiastical and æsthetic, are capable of great discretionary variety. This is the same with the parish Church and its administration. In its simplest form, the Cathedral is the Bishop's Church, and as such, the

Church of the Diocese. It is the place for his ministrations and influence as Chief Pastor, where he is the fixed centre, and aggregates such help for co-operative work as may be attainable. It should be free in its sittings, and adaptive in its Services to the local and general demand, providing in their frequency and characteristics, for higher and perhaps exceptional desires and needs. Its spirit must be diffusive. In some degree, it will recognize and embody all Diocesan necessities and sympathies, so far as the same are involved in the headship, duties, influence, and moral power of the Bishop. As a central institution in a due organization, it will furnish him with instruments for his official work, in Church, clergy, lay-helpers, schools, ministerial training, and eleemosynary institutions. Its influence should be felt permeating the whole Diocese, and itself and its work be a centre of interest, and a home of common sympathy, dignity, and affection. There are many reasons why the Cathedral system might at first be looked upon with doubt and suspicion; some, peculiar to its mediæval and hereditary workings; and others, which it shares with the offices of the Priesthood and Bishop, the Liturgical Services, and the whole Church system, in its rightful claims. The consciousness of this, and the validity of some of the prejudice and caution, should induce patience, prudence, and humility, in all who seek practically to plant and develop it, as

the exponent and help of our Diocesan Episcopate. I am thoroughly convinced in my own mind. I believe the Cathedral system to be as real, practical, and enduring, as the office of Bishop itself. I deeply feel that the right conception and administration of that office cannot be divorced from its actuality without confusion, weakness, and cumulative loss. I am assured that the normal state of the headship will regulate functionally the whole body, infuse healthy vigor, and develop the freedom and scope of every member. But, for these issues, the mind of the Church must be instructed, and the heart of the Church be moved. Slowly and patiently must we all feel our way to its confidence, benefaction, and fellowship.

Of what you see around you, humble, inadequate and undeveloped, the best to be said is, "I have done what I could," and have done it in quiet deference to the doubts, scruples, or prejudice of those interested with myself in the growth and order of our Diocesan Church. I have sustained it with firmness, because a place to preach and minister was essential to the conscientious discharge of my official responsibility, which I could not forego, while God gave me strength, whatever might be the fate of it, after my decease. Beyond my expectations, the whole plan has been successful. As a place of worship, it has been precious to hundreds; and many have crossed its threshold, to pray and hear from by-

places of strangerhood or poverty, who felt themselves excluded from the parochial Churches. Its dimensions are already too narrow, and this, when we have hardly begun to seek out and win the outlying hundreds, who stand apart from holy things, until visited and drawn by Christ's Missionary helpers. I think I may be bold to say, that the Cathedral Services have secured, in their uniform course, a large meed of approval from Christian taste and devotion. Although it would be a sad personal disappointment, to suppose the work arrested and the foundation abandoned in the beginning, at once so auspicious and so limited; still, for the remnant of my day, shall we hold on to our work of love, even if it drop silently into my grave. I thus speak, however, more to attest the consciousness of a present usefulness, won with the smallest means, and in the face of surrounding indifference, than in the apprehension of such disastrous abandonment. Since my return a portion of the advance of organic arrangement has been effected, and the Dean and Chapter constituted with special "adaptation to the exigencies of the Church in this country." Retaining the clerical titles and offices common to the Anglican Cathedral, I have connected with them a body of lay Curators, with equal voice and fellowship in the management of the Institution. Of the five ministers on the staff, three are in actual duty—as much as our poverty can yet supply;

while the lay Curators and managing officers, who render their services gratuitously, have been all designated, and have kindly accepted their trust. Under the three Reverend Canons we have advanced to Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, and an early Communion in the middle of the month, making the celebration now fortnightly; and with full assurance that, on my return, we shall not outstrip the devout fidelity of many by the provision of a weekly Communion. The Saints' days, of course, are duly honored. The music has risen to a chaste Church standard, and the well trained choir of boys meets our expectation. These choristers will be put into surplices as soon as stall seats can be prepared and a larger robing-room built. Beyond these simplest characteristics of Cathedral worship, nothing is added to vestment, form or usage. No Services that I attend are so solemn, hearty and congregational as those on the Lord's day within these walls; and the people have gone gladly and reverently with every step of our ritual advance. Cheering to us all in our Cathedral enterprise would be the recorded approval and sympathy of this honored body. But I know not that I have anything now specially "to submit for their action." Our earnest appeal, broadcast in faith, is for individual sympathy, gifts for the present, and endowment for the future. On the property, now valued at forty thousand dollars, there is an incumbrance of nine thousand, inclu-

sive of the price of the additional land purchased for the extension. For this, as for all else, I am now personally responsible. The plans for a transept chapel have been long prepared, which would add sittings for two hundred and fifty more in public worship, and be of priceless use to us in all our weekly Services and ancillary efforts. It would include a Chapter House, where the library would be placed (which is now at Jubilee College,) for the use of the clergy, and become the centre of the Divinity Training, in which some among our able city ministry would render their assistance. The demand is pressing for Schools under Church training and discipline for each sex, and rising to the higher forms of classical and scientific instruction. With suitable buildings, such would mainly sustain their own expenses. For all this, of incumbrance and progress, about thirty thousand dollars would be now required, of which I know not how to reach more than a fourth part. God help us!

Perhaps nowhere so properly as here, might the annual statistics be put on record, these in reality, however, cannot even nominally represent our work and influence. Much of this may be done and gained in by-places and chance incidents, and in acting as the "servant of servants," to gather up fragments which are always falling in a large city, which tempts by its enterprise an influx of promiscuous adventure, and unsettled

family life. In the secondary relation of Missionary work alone, the experience of the last few months has taught me that I need a dozen helpers in the different grades of the ministry, to honor the calls which are made upon me for temporary parochial ministration, or the nursing of weak places within the range of Cathedral supply. Not one of the Canons would be at home if we responded favorably to the weekly requests of different kinds for Sunday Services, and which we meet in part by extraordinary effort. With a proportionate Diaconate, which would result at moderate expense from the Divinity School, and an increased income filling up the appointed staff, the radiating force would vindicate amply the inherent Missionary life of the Cathedral.

RURAL DEANS.

This subject was committed to me by the following preamble and resolution, on page 23 of the Journal of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention:

WHEREAS, It is apparent that there is a growing desire to introduce into the Church in the United States the ancient ecclesiastical office of Dean; therefore,

Resolved, That the Bishop be respectfully requested to bring the subject before the next Convention of this Diocese, giving such information and making such recommendation upon the subject as he may think proper.

The title of Decanus, or Dean, whether applied to secular or ecclesiastical office, has its origin in a presidency over *ten*, either persons or places. It is usually

considered identical with that of Archpriest in the Western Church, and comprises the two distinct kinds of *Cathedral* Dean or *Rural* Dean, also respectively called *Urban* and *Vican*. The duties of the former were localized in an Episcopal city, and were confined to persons; while the Rural Dean—later in origin, but fully established in the Sixth Century—embraced a limited rule, under the Bishop, over parishes and their clergy. The resolution has reference only to the office of *Rural Dean*, and the important subject of defined territorial subdivisions for Church extension and discipline. Under the name of "Convocation," in voluntary association, this last has been existent with practical success in several Dioceses, and recently the officer at its head has taken the title of Dean. While fully prepared to recommend systematic arrangement of the kind for my own large Diocese, I am convinced that much will be gained by retaining the established nomenclature of the Anglican Church, and shaping the official relations into practical conformity with our requirements and polity. The presiding officer—*primus inter pares*—Rural Dean; his assigned district, a DEANRY; and the college of Presbyters and parishes under his administration, the RURAL CHAPTER.

The election and institution of Deans Rural, while it comprehended the Bishops as the authors of the appointment, varied in different Dioceses in the usage, the

ratification, and the co-ordinate privilege. *De jure*, the Bishop had "the soleship of election"; while *de facto*, an elective or confirmatory right was by sufferance or permission not unfrequently allowed. If, in certain cases, the Clergy enjoyed, by custom or constitution, a delegated power of choice, the Bishop had the reservation of a full *veto* on the election. A passage which I find quoted from an anonymous writer, puts the whole into language preferable to any I could employ: "Although there are instances, in times past and present, of the clergy electing Deans among themselves, yet, considering they are to correspond with the Bishop, to act many things in his name and by his authority, and to be accountable to him, it is but meet that he should have the choice of them, as for the most part he formerly had. The wise selection of the Dean Rural is a matter of the greatest importance, for he must be one that sincerely loves God and the Church, and hath a tender regard to the souls of men. It is especially necessary to provide men of clear reputation for unblameable behaviour, and of discreet zeal for the honor of God and the advancement of religion."—(*A Humble Proposal. Horæ Decan. Rur., I.* 131.)

The oldest formal commission extant of a Rural Dean *in scriptis*, is said to be of the Sixteenth Century. Prior to that time, they were instituted by the oral declaration of the Bishop, and the tradition of the

decanal seal. They were ordinarily amotive at his will, and were frequently entitled the "Dean of the Bishop," as well as Dean Rural. The present custom in the Dioceses of Great Britain and Ireland, where Rural Deans exist, and in the Colonial Churches of the West Indies, Newfoundland, and later ones, is to pass an instrument with full powers to execute the trust for a definite or indefinite period, as the case may be. The intended regulation of the office in the *Reformatio Legum Ecclesiasticarum*, made the terms annual; while the Bishop of Down, Connor and Dromore appoints his Rural Deans by commission "for the term of three years, or during pleasure." (1843.) The office of Rural Dean now-a-days, in England, is generally held *durante Episcopi bene placito*."—(*Horæ Decan. Rur., I.* 56.)

If we look historically at the personal functions of Rural Deans, or the trusts of their office as now exercised where Church and State are united, we shall find an extent of these functions, a latitude of supervisory and contentious power, and a detail of directions, quite inapplicable to any purposes of ours. Gibson says the proper office of a Rural Dean was "the *inspection* of the lives and manners of the clergy and people within their district in order to be reported to the Bishop; but the said Dean not to determine *anything in those* matters."—(*Codex, Tit.* xiii. *Vol.* 2.)

Dansey, in the exhaustive work before quoted, from

which these memoranda have been culled, sums up the duties thus: "An officer to whose personal vigilance the Bishop consigned the vicarious visitation of the rural cantonments of his Diocese; the supervision of the clergy therein as to manners and functions; the detection of vice; the support of Churches and ecclesiastical mansions, and the care of all things which concerned the public worship of Almighty God."—(*I.* 166.)

From various causes the office of Rural Dean and the Rural Chapter fell into decay and dissolution about the Sixteenth Century, and the present condition and extent of the decanal system is to be looked upon as a revival and practical adaptation of it to the changed circumstances of the Anglican Church, and the local distinctions incident on the Missionary and other extension of that Communion. The efforts have been vigorous and successful within late years to revive the Deanry and its Rural Chapter, "so well fitted to keep up order and uniformity, and to cultivate a good correspondence among the neighboring clergy; to arm them against common dangers and difficulties; and enable them every way to promote the interests of religion and virtue, and the good of souls committed to their charge."

Diocesan experience in this country, has shown long ago, the disposition toward district and sectional union for certain purposes, affecting alike the pastoral life of the clergy resident, and the co-operative influence

for the extension of the Church by various direct and subordinate agencies. Nor has this effort been without substantial witness to its efficacy, and the advance of the "Convocation" to a recognized status of usefulness and honor. The judicious localizing of our common Church work may naturally be expected to augment the popular sympathy with it; define the objects which stimulate that interest and enlarge the charity; effect minuter supervision and more searching inspection; multiply the active helpers; expand the parochial life, and correct its isolation; invent and test means of doing good; create a generous rivalry; concentrate, as occasion requires, at specific points, aggregate force; and through it all, promote the life of God for inward experience, higher aims, purer agencies, braver endurance, sacrifice and charity among the faithful. In the main, however, these sectional efforts have been voluntary, and apart from systematic Diocesan administration. I heartily commend that in our own there should be inaugurated and fostered, under the Bishop and co-ordinate authorities, this subdivision for the extension of the Church; and that the Diocese be divided, as far as practicable, into districts, with a recognized headship, appointed by the Bishop and confirmed by the Convention, for the advance of Church work and life, within the assigned area, as far and fast as our immature state and infirm resources will permit.

I love the association of historic names, especially when they are instinct also with the capacity and reality of modern progress. Besides the avoidance of the obvious confusion of such a term as "Convocation," there is secondary import for Catholic unity in all such ecclesiastical heirship. In answer, then, to the suggestive resolve of the last Convention, which carries with it the earnest of your own convictions and desire, I recommend the division of the Diocese, as far as it can be practically applied, into Rural Deanries, the recognition of the office of Rural Dean for a presiding office in each, and the title of Rural Chapter for the aggregate clergy embraced within the subordinate jurisdiction. I respectfully suggest, for the present, four such Deanries, under the title of Chicago, Ottawa, Peoria, and Springfield; the Deans to take their titles respectively from these larger places, but not of necessity, or *ex-officio*, to be the Rectors of the Churches. I have laid out, in a preliminary manner, the territorial divisions which will embrace the portions where the Church is reasonably condensed and strong, and where means of local intercommunication exist by the lines of railroad. But the detail would require careful thought and advisory direction. If it shall please the Convention to adopt these views, and sanction the introduction of Rural Deans, Deanries and Chapters, I will, God permitting, with suitable advice, on my return from England, appoint the

officers and define the bounds, issue pertinent commission and instructions, and bring the whole for confirmation before the next annual Convention. It would appear proper that the Rural Deans should be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Missions; but that, for convenience, the addition of their number should not affect the existent *quorum* of that body.

VESTRYMEN.

There is another subject of administrative order in the Diocese, to which my attention has been frequently called through personal observation, the suffering of the clergy, and the direct complaint of those to whom the honor of the Church is precious, and the trustworthiness of her officers implicated with her spiritual influence. I allude to the moral and religious qualification of the persons chosen to be Vestrymen.

In the power of a Vestry as trustees of property, in the call of a Rector, in their administrative co-relation with him, in the influence they have over the work and happiness of a minister, in the popular esteem of the Church from the public character of its officers—from these and other obvious regards, the religious standing of those elected to be Vestrymen is of material import. The alleged necessity of the case in some parochial organizations induces, to say the least, undue carelessness on this qualification. The duties are esteemed mainly "temporal," and, therefore, incumbents are

selected for mere adventitious reasons, sometimes, meaner than would be openly confessed. In consequence, in our Vestries are found cases of men unbaptized; without the knowledge of, or interest in, Church life or discipline; neglectors of personal religion; avowing loose sentiments, even to infidelity; immoral in language and life, impeached in social character, incompetent to direct the affairs of the Church as they are unworthy of her religious membership. The reasons given for injudicious or wrong appointments are usually referable to the negative one, of the difficulty of finding sufficiently qualified men, or the prudential plea of securing some current personal interest. I am not prepared to advise legislation that the Vestry be constituted of Communicants alone; however palpable such discrimination should regulate the choice of the electors. In the low discipline of the Church, at present, an advance so great would, I fear, be practically subversive of the object, and entail evils of management and obstruction of parochial interests. But some strictly defined *minimum* qualification does appear to be indispensable for the consistency of the Church; and I am inclined to submit, whether it may not be proper to repeal the limiting qualification in the sixth line of Canon XI.—"if such suitable for the office can be had" —and introduce a clause to the effect that each member-elect shall qualify for office by subscribing on the parish

book a prescribed declaration of attachment to the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and conformity to its doctrine, discipline and worship.

COMMUNION ON MAUNDAY THURSDAY, AND NIGHT CELEBRATION.

A practice has been introduced into this Diocese, as well as a few other places, of commemorating the Institution of the Lord's Supper by a celebration on the night before Good Friday. It is a practice not sanctioned by Anglican usage; and however attractive on first sight, it is objectionable both in the time and use of the Eucharistic Offering. As far as my influence goes, I wish to discourage such an innovation. But beyond this special case, the objection extends to night celebrations at all, as at variance with the prescribed order of the Church, and open to serious practical objection. As weightier than my words, I put on record the deliberate judgment of the Bishop of Oxford in his late Charge, to which I had the pleasure of listening in the Cathedral of Christ Church: "Against one suggestion of most recent times for increasing these Services —I mean evening Communion—I must again solemnly warn you. As in my Charge of 1860, I have stated at length the grounds on which, I believe, *First*, that such a celebration is contrary to the law of our Church; and, *Secondly*, why I feel bound myself to enforce obedience to that law, and to resist, by all means in my power,

the introduction of this greatest of innovations, I will not repeat what is in your hands already. I will only say, that my reading and observation since that time have, if possible, deepened my own convictions, and that I deprecate, even more earnestly than I did then, the introduction of such a practice into any of your parishes, as contrary to the rule of the Church for eighteen hundred years, and certain, in the long run, to lower men's reverence for that great Sacrament. One fact only I will add to what I said before, namely, that the judgment of the greatest of the foreign Reformers on this point is as clear as is that of our own Church. 'At this day,' are the words of Peter Martyr to Bishop Hooper, 'we so administer the Eucharist in the morning time, that after dinner we will not have the Communion in the sacred assembly.' And to the same effect Bucer writes: 'Hence we celebrate the Sacred Supper neither in the evening, nor in a private house, nor recumbent, nor among men only.'"

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

It is not to be doubted that, in harmony with much of the deeper reflection, moral sense, and religious principle of our country, you have been shocked and startled by the spreading depreciation of the marriage tie, the facility with which divorce from it is obtained, the demoralizing statements and facts on the subject which are strewed in formal discussion, current literature, the

daily press, and licentious cohabitation. I should be thankful if reasonable doubt could be sustained on this awful fact of our vehement age. It is more than an accident. It is linked with deep unprincipled purpose. It is a movement of infidel socialism; of a multitude that have grown up creedless, and hence Godless; of an education which has instructed the mind, and neglected the affections; of a philosophy which glorifies the instincts and passions of our corrupt nature, and deifies animal impulse as the voice of God. As the marriage contract is only of civil obligation, and State law is, in many respects, loose in the guards and checks upon it even in this debased estimate, facilities are afforded for separation and divorce which tempt a resort to this formal dissolution in cases of mere domestic disagreement and hardship. The moral effect of restraint and discipline, from the conviction of the all but irrevocable force of the vow, has thus become pervadingly damaged. Husband and wife alike admit the practicability of separation as a remedy, and the causes which ultimately force the final plunge, are allowed to gather and roll on in heedless defiance. The facility of separation destroys all mutual confidence, and inflames every trifling dispute.

There are solemn warnings on this fearful social decadence, on the page of history. Greece and Rome, for ages, shame our Christian licentiousness. Roman

philosophers, poets and satirists, hold up to public scorn and indignation, the wanton and extreme abuse of a liberty of divorce which probably did not exceed ours. The Institutions of Romulus made the marriage union indissoluble; and though the Twelve Tables gave to the husband the freedom of divorce, yet the republic had existed five hundred years, when the first instance of divorce occurred, and the distinguished experimenter was loaded for it with public opprobrium. Augustus endeavored by law to put some restraint upon the facility of divorce, but the check was overpowered by the prevailing corruption of manners. It was the beginning of the end, when that great nation perished, utterly corrupted in its own corruption.

When the French Revolution swept away the usages of ages and the sanctity of religion, its special war seemed against the marriage contract; and six thousand divorces are said to have taken place, in the city of Paris alone, in the space of two years and three months. —(2 *Kent. Com.* 75–76.)

The Roman Church sustains the absolute indissolubility of the marriage tie, and in the State of South Carolina, where the same scrupulous policy existed, it is stated that not an instance occurred of a divorce of any kind, either by the sentence of a court of justice or by the act of the legislature, from the revolution down to the opening of the recent struggle.

If there be a truth beyond all question, where God's law, social experience, the uniform record of our species, the inevitable and horrid results of its violation, every source of testimony, warning and appeal, concur, it is, the sacredness of the marriage bond, and the national decline which attends a tolerated disregard or facile rupture of its divine constitution.

The Canon law, though less peremptory in the Eastern and Anglican Churches than in the Council of Trent, has fully sustained the obligation of "Holy Matrimony," and will not allow any cause except incontinence as valid for the contracting of another marriage.

I know not what can stay our moral decline in this relation, the source and conservator of all the substantial interests of time and eternity, or rouse an influential popular control through our legislative, judicial and ecclesiastical authority. But I must at least entreat you, brethren of the clergy, to exercise vigilance of inquiry and devout jealousy for its divine significance, in every case of marriage coming before you. If the world degrades the contract into a mere civil sponsion, you must never forget that in your hands it is the office of Holy Matrimony, deep-toned in its sacramental character, where every charge and prayer is from the profound of a Christian's faith; its solemn vows are God-ward; and the Church pronounces over those clasped hands, "those

whom *GOD* hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

Exercise a discretion becoming your holy calling, and in every way within your power insist on its performance, with all accessories, as a solemn act of religion, or else decline to do it. Do not lower your parlor or study to a justice's office on a sudden call from strangers, and without competent witnesses or recognized congregation; or prostitute the service to the mere legal union of those who esteem not enough the solemnity, to come to it "reverently, soberly, advisedly, and in the fear of God." We refuse our Burial Service to the unbaptized and the conscious suicide; and I know not why our Church has not nerve and discipline enough to require the same religious qualifications of Baptism and Confirmation as peremptory for the office of Holy Matrimony. Our rubric prescribes distinctly, that "persons to be married shall come into the body of the Church, or shall be ready in some proper house with their friends and neighbors;" and the Mother Church adds: "It is convenient that the new married persons should receive the Holy Communion at the time of their marriage, or at the first opportunity after their marriage." The 1 and 2 Edward VI. made it absolute, "at the time of the marriage must receive the Holy Communion." The Catholic Church, in all its branches, from the most ancient times, has

required marriage to be celebrated in the Church, and as the Greek Euchology says, "before the sacred doors;" that is, on the outside of the *cancelli*, or rails, which divide the chancel from the rest of the Church. Now, I commend this to you, beloved, in your own godly discretion; and where you can, each in his place, with honest firmness of teaching and practice, sustain, as far as in you lieth, in the face of a careless age, the reverent sanctity of the marriage contract. "Let the dead bury their dead,"—let the civil authority fulfill the requirements of a legal cohabitation; but let the Church, "the Catholic keeper and witness," sustain in our hands its religious integrity, and the devout place and order of a sacred rite.

In all cases of divorce, from a separation *a mensa et thoro*, to the formal release *a vinculo matrimonii*, it is your duty to refuse to marry either party, unless clearly and formally it was for the proven cause of adultery. This cause is the only one allowed by the Church: and I think the conscious violation of the restriction would be a deep moral offence, and a proper subject for ecclesiastical discipline. And no minister ought to escape the rebukes of his own conscience, and the just offence of his congregation, who neglects to institute proper inquiry into the lawfulness, in the estimate of the Church, of every marriage which comes before him, unless his personal knowledge has supplied a reasonable assurance.

There is a question of discipline connected with a second marriage, after the dissolution of the first, by process of law, but on inadequate grounds, which has disturbed some congregations, and, at different periods, been presented to me for resolution. Are parties thus married, permanently disqualified, during the connection, for the Holy Communion? Admitting all that can be said, and justly, of the offence involved in such a marriage, during the life of the other party in the divorce, inasmuch as it is fully valid in all social relations, has probably been entered into without consciousness or intention of wrong doing, and the state is beyond all legitimate remedy, and an attempt to enforce the renunciation of the tie would be full of collateral injury, and probably a subject for legal or criminal action against the minister abetting it,—I have been compelled to determine, that the living in such a state was not a subject for Church censure equivalent to a permanent excommunication; and that, therefore, in proper expediency, while morally it should not have been done, the maxim must prevail—*fieri non debet, sed factum, valet.*

Thus, if either party were a communicant before the contract, its moral infirmity should not vacate the spiritual privilege; and if, at any time subsequent during that married life, the claims of a godly obedience pressed the soul of either to the Sacramental blessing, it should not be refused, (if the party was otherwise

meet,) from the imputed criminality in the domestic life, for which there was, really, "no place for repentance." This decision may not be admitted by a very logical casuistry, or in a stern age of the Church's discipline; but it would be the judgment I should form, and the advice I have given, in view of the conflicting obligations, the legal and social rights, the interests of innocent offspring, and the higher expediency involved in the case. A decision, however, so far qualified, will not constrain a clergyman, whose conscience dissents, and who prefers to face the evils, and disregard the expediency, in vindication of what he considers inflexible right, and the condemnation of a state which he brands as adultery.

ALL DIVINE OFFICES TO BE PERFORMED IN THE CHURCH.

I trust that the whole Church will concur in this expression; and that where God gives the edifice, it shall be, more and more, the only place where Public Baptism shall be administered, marriages celebrated, and the dead carried for the Burial Order. On the last point I am earnestly anxious; because, owing to the remote situation of our cemeteries, we are involved in some difficulty, both rubrical and essential; and because inconveniences, painful almost to disgust, accompany the practice (a resultant necessity) of funeral Services at the dwelling place, often in a small crowded room, with the face of the dead exposed, and even the whole

coffin lid removed. The custom is palpably wrong, after the body in its constructive burial, has been "committed to the ground," and the light portion of earth dropped on the lid, earnest of the pressure to be broken only by the resurrection life, that again the coffin should be opened, for the cursory gaze of the neighborhood, or the anguished last look of the bereaved.

CONFIRMATION.

With gratification I record the conviction, that there is advancing attention to the preparation of candidates, and a conscientious purpose in the majority of those who are presented, to advance to the Holy Communion. There is, manifestly, a popular interest felt in Confirmation, as a religious ceremony, by large numbers of other bodies of Christians, who attend Visitation Services, especially when they are held, as they often are, in the places of worship kindly permitted for our use.

But still there is reason to apprehend, that, as a place and means for religious teaching in "doctrine, discipline, and worship," the preparation of the "class" is not worked up to the legitimate demand. In many places, nothing is attempted, until the precise time of the Bishop's visit is known; and adult Baptisms preparatory to it, are performed on the very day of the administration. I know and sympathize with the

difficulties of the Missionary, and the minister of the weak parish. I pity, far more than blame; but beseech them to separate, in the opening of the year, the lambs for this offering, to train them with longer and more systematic instruction, and to persuade the elders to the use of books and guides for mind and soul; if it be only to make more intelligent and reliable, the decision, not to present themselves at the last. The duty and privilege of Confirmation should be the cardinal point of parochial training.

THE RETROSPECT OF THE YEAR—FOREIGN—THE HOLY EASTERN CHURCH.

My last Address was penned in the Capital of Russia, in which country, especially at Moscow, I had been spending some months. My own experience fully concurred with that of others, from the Anglican Communion, who have enjoyed intercourse with dignitaries of the Russo-Greek and Eastern Churches, that, in addition to the simple-hearted attention and personal kindness, so graciously bestowed, there is intelligent interest on the subject of restored intercourse between the Eastern and Anglican Churches, and a fervent longing in many individual hearts, for unity on a full Catholic basis. In intimate and frequent communication on all the principal topics involved in this, I found a ready admission of the rights of national Churches, in all matters of rites and ceremonies, and a large construction of

provincial polity. Although, in other places, I had met with individual expression from Ecclesiastics, that no fellowship could be established, except through submission and reconciliation,—never, in Russia, from Bishop or layman, was such an idea advanced, directly or indirectly; and, if presented by me, as an inquiry, the assumption was distinctly repudiated. There is, in both of the principal cities at least, a body of men, ecclesiastic, noble and professional, who study and understand the whole subject, who are in sympathy with our efforts to gain and distribute correct information on the doctrine and discipline of our respective Communions. These are convinced of the validity of Anglican Orders, admit the Sacraments, Creeds, and Liturgy, as held by us, in addition to the valid Episcopate, as the substantive ground for mutual recognition. But this conception is confined to a few advanced spirits, who are consciously surrounded with an immense mass, to whom the whole subject is utterly foreign, and repugnant to their habits of thought, experience, prejudice and hereditary faith. The friends of true Catholic Unity are placed in circumstances of great delicacy, and perhaps, hazard. In all our movements, we are bound to regard this obvious condition; and, in both action and restraint, be controlled by the suggestions from the elevated friendship and sympathy, already moved by the Holy Spirit, for us and the cause of Catholic Unity.

For the present, it seems to me the part of true wisdom, the dictate of self-respect and churchly dignity, to limit the effort to the practical issue of recognition—the mutual acknowledgment, on the ground that, Churches which are alike in possession of an unbroken Episcopate, hold the two ancient creeds, and validly the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; and have not departed from the essential analogy of the Faith in Liturgy; have taken no stand—schismatic or heretical—to the rest of Christendom, or, having taken such, are willing to renounce and reform—that such Branches of Christ's Body are, *de facto*, in Catholic Unity; even if, at present, on other grounds they may not be prepared to receive one another to full communion in Prayers and Sacraments, as members of one Household of Faith. To this extent, on the substantial basis of Unity, and far beyond this, in reverence, confidence and love, do we regard the Holy Eastern Church, and especially that vigorous national Branch, within the dominion of the wise and religious Czar of the Russias. Of the Anglican Communion they know comparatively little; and especially of our Branch, with which, on every ground they are more naturally affiliated.

As yet, by no act or expression has the Russo-Greek Church, thus far, acknowledged us; and for this acknowledgment, as the next and natural step, we are

bound to wait and work—wait in godly patience, and work by doing what our Russo-Greek Committee are doing so well and effectively; instructing judiciously each Communion in the doctrinal, historic and practical condition of the other. The move for recognition is in their hands; and, whenever done, may place these two independent Branches of the Catholic Church, in relation to each other, in recognized unity, in comity, and correlative interests, as our countries are, in the friendly relations and international law of civilized nations.

The movement in this country has been in the hands of the highest Council of the Church. The Committee, with very limited power, is responsible to the whole Church in her General Convention. We have reason to be thankful that the movement is not the impulse or administration of any voluntary association, nor subject to the mistakes of zeal, or the sinister influences to which small and partisan bodies are exposed. There is no direction in which our yearnings and efforts for restored unity in the Church of Christ can go out with so much reality and safety, as toward the venerable Eastern Church. There are few subjects so interesting and important for our younger clergy, at least, carefully to study, as the history of that mother of us all; the fidelity of spirit with which she has kept the Faith and old traditions, without hardening, in lust of power, into

Supremacy or Infallibility, or systematic corruptions, the reform of which would be destruction. We ought to estimate with sympathy her right in the conflict, and in the hardship of endurance in the great schism of the East and West; her grand condemnation of Papal and Tridentine corruptions; her cautious discrimination between doctrines of Faith, and the Church's accredited opinions; her beautiful and reverential popular religion; the sweet spirit of meekness, humility, and simplicity, so frequent in her highest ministry; her profound sense of saintship, and the holiness of the Church, and her obvious mission of large work and impending suffering in these later days. This will afford the safest and widest relation to Christian antiquity—will arm us best in knowledge and feeling against Popish novelties—enlighten and steady us in outward expression of the Church's inward life, freed from the introduction of names and usages, Roman in character, if not systematically Romanizing in their subtle employment.

Glorious is the subject and the prospect, in our Anglican Church, and awakened sympathies, of this restoring Catholic Unity. But it requires to be carefully watched, in the means and spirit, both. The heart in it may beguile the head. In the effort to fulfill its grand ideal, we may allow ourselves to impair the integrity of inflexible principles. We may be willing, on the one hand, on its objective area, to admit an

unchallenged "mixed multitude" of the debased and corrupt; and, with subjective looseness, compromise, on the other, the very distinctive visible being of the historic Church. It is the season of prayer and watchfulness, far more, yet, than of triumphant action. The trustworthy guides in it will "rejoice with trembling;" and, as the men on glacier slopes, tending laboriously upwards to the bright summit and world-wide scene, they will hold fast and strong on the common cord, plant the foot slow and stiff, lest mischief befall the whole, from a heedless individuality.

THE SCANDINAVIAN CHURCH.

Under this caption, are comprehended the national Church of Sweden, the validity of the Episcopate in which, we, I think, fully admit—and the less normal Church of Denmark; both united, however, in the same symbolic formulary, the Augsburg Confession. With each of these, we have relations of deep interest, which affect sympathy and action within the bounds of our own Diocese. It pleased God, as you have been made aware, by an act of intercommunion between the Archbishop of Upsala and myself, during my stay in the city of Stockholm, to place the "friendly relations" between the respective Churches, on a footing, toward which, for years, our Branch had been advisedly tending, and which she is now prepared to hail joyfully in the propitious facts. There has been, in addition, the significant

action of the Swedish Bishops and Clergy, in their House of the Diet, recommending in use and form, commendatory letters for each religious emigrant, from his or her parochial minister, to the Bishops and Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. This has been done by the Swedish prelates, on the double ground, that immigrating Swedes, ought on no account, to be dissevered from Episcopal authority and supervision; and that their congregations in this country would secure, under the jurisdiction of our Church, their legitimate government, and find the same Confession of Articles of Faith in the ancient Creed, and no serious conflict in the differently expressed Articles of Religion. Since my return, such commendatory letters have been received. We have endeavored to welcome those strangers in language and country, to an adopted home in our Household of Faith; and have made provision in some of our offertories, for assistance to those among them who may be in need.

On two occasions, I have had an opportunity of addressing large bodies of resident Swedes, on the Church of their Fatherland, of explaining to them the reciprocal claims of their past and present, and of respectfully presenting our willingness to receive their Churches into Diocesan fellowship. I have pressed the touching claims, from home vows and memories, that they should not suffer themselves to drift away into

Congregationalism, or the sects, or into non-Episcopal Lutheran Communions. The first Swedish meeting assembled in the Cathedral, on Sunday afternoon, March 24th, being the third Sunday in Lent, in a courteous response to my invitation, and filled the edifice; while the second, more recent, embraced those Swedes settled in De Kalb, and was convened at their own urgent request. The recovery of these valuable fellow-citizens to their own hereditary polity, and the sustaining their descendants in a true Episcopal and Liturgical Communion, is a subject which should be dear to them and to us. You will each, I trust, in his sphere as minister or layman, co-operate with me in this important object, toward which the Providence of God is so signally drawing our efforts and our hearts.

In the event of a congregation now using their own Offices in their own vernacular, seeking union with the Church in this Diocese through myself its spiritual head, the question will at once occur—must these Swedish Offices be changed, or may the use of them be retained as before? On the one hand, there is the obvious general duty of conformity to the doctrines, discipline, and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and all involved in this, of dogma and formulary. But, on the other hand, there is the fact, that our Liturgy has not been translated by authority, for Swedish use, nor has any preparation been made by

our Church, for incorporating the Swedes on this basis of absolute conformity. The more I have reflected on the subject, the more have I been disposed to relax, in such behalf, the rigid conformity; and to allow that a Scandinavian congregation, orthodox in its national faith, and obediently placing itself under my Episcopal jurisdiction, should be permitted to retain, in its own tongue, whether Swedish or Danish, and in its own Church formularies, the worship and administration of the Sacraments, to which it has been hitherto bound. There is much to commend this Catholic attitude; and, without such solution of the question, no adequate means to meet the exigency, are at our disposal; nor can we hope, without concession to these reverent attachments, to conciliate a popular interest among them.

I have been the more anxiously impressed with this conciliatory view, owing to direct proposals which have been made to me from the Danish Church, owing to Home Missionary sympathy with that portion of the Scandinavian population resident among us. The proposal is equivalent to the selection and transmission to this Diocese, of a suitably prepared and accredited candidate, to be supported as an itinerant, to investigate and supply the religious wants of our Danish population. This population I find to be numerically quite large—several thousands in the city of Chicago alone; and in no less proportion in neighboring cities. The conditions

proposed in this co-operative mission, are, that the candidate shall be ordained on the three Creeds—the Augsburg Confession, (*invariata*)—and the permission to use the Danish Liturgy and Offices. The whole is placed on the avowed desire of forming, for the present, a Dano-Anglican body in this country, under our full jurisdiction; which may, in God's Providence, re-act, to promote the gradual restoration of the Danish Episcopate at home, to an integrity admitted by the Anglican body, and fulfill the desired consequences of established intercommunion. These facts are presented, because, as intelligence, they will be cheering to those who pray and strive for the more demonstrative unity of the kingdom of Christ, because they appeal to our careful thought and prudent action, and because, in their upspringing, they witness the benign presence of our Lord with His struggling Family.

ENGLAND.

My impressions of England and her Church may be fervent and elevated, because I enjoyed constant incidents of personal satisfaction, flattering consideration, occasions of public and private usefulness, intercourse with the best of clergy and laymen, inspection of successful works of benevolence, splendid Church Services, and private intercourse of hospitality, refined and courteous in eminent degree. But apart from these sympathies and memories, I am sure that England and her

Church, as compared with thirty years back, have immensely advanced, and that nothing in the history of social or religious progress elsewhere could cause her the least sense of inferiority in the march of Christian civilization. Politically, England does not appear to exercise the strange domination she once had in Europe. Formerly, nothing could "peep or mutter" without her agency and interference, in the Old World at least. Now, the Continental powers seem hardly to recognize her in their policy of change or strife. It is the result of the non-interference principle which has actuated, for some time, the British Cabinet. It is frequently blamed with severity in English society, and there is some popular sensitiveness to this change. I am inclined to regard it differently; and believing, as I do, that England is the great, active, and conservative Protestant Power, am willing to see, in this reticence and change, a preparation for a more significant moral influence and Christian potency, apart from the confusion and broil impending among the Continental powers. God may be thus separating her for a truer work and deeper power.

The differences of religious opinions and ritual practices, which prevail and agitate, are certainly very wide and important. No one can wonder at the amount of feeling, anxiety and struggle. They affect the most vital truths and fundamental order. But this very difference of opinion and public agitation are natural

results of Catholic liberty in a National Church. I admit the evil, sympathize with the anxieties of my wise and godly friends, tremble for the perversion of the young mind, and the excuse for indifference and nihilism; appreciate the loss of power in the friction, and of love in the collision; still, after all, it seems to be a healthy normal conflict, which, with all its disasters and grief, will strengthen truth, enlarge the intellectual scope of the ministry, and invigorate their parochial work; which will draw into more manifest fellowship science and religion, raise the standard of public worship, and ultimately abate the partisanship and narrowness from the earlier conflict of the subjective and objective, or the changed relations of the old High and Low. By all such struggles our Branch of the Church must be reciprocally affected, but I think sometimes that we adopt them too readily, identify them too unreservedly, with our own condition; make words and things of actual strife for us which really belong to other categories, and forfeit the quiet benefit which might result, if we were content to wait for guidance from adjudicated issues or practical results in the complex experience of the Mother Church.

The main influence of my experience, observation and intercourse, in England, and I may safely add, of much of my European life, has been to raise my honor of human nature; to enlarge my confidence in the great

destinies of humanity in social advance, and especially to make the glory with intenser heart in the power, love and triumphs of the Church. I am more hopeful and happier, stronger in faith, and I trust readier to do and suffer in the Kingdom of Christ. I thank God, again and again, for the higher tone imparted to my convictions, impulses and affections, by my larger observation and wider fellowship.

From the notes of my diary I select, for record, the one event so full of testimony to the Missionary aggression of the Anglican Communion, and the advancing identity in our world-wide work:—

On Saturday, February 2d, 1867, on the Festival of the "Purification of Saint Mary, the Virgin," in the Cathedral at Canterbury, by invitation of His Grace the Primate, I officiated as one of the Consecrators of the three "godly and well learned men," then and there ordained and consecrated to the Office and work of a Bishop in the Church of God, the Bishops of Calcutta, Armadale and Grafton, and China.

DOMESTIC AND DIOCESAN.

From these selected incidents originating exteriorly to our own home Church and Diocese, but with their direct bearing on our brotherhood of responsibility, I turn with brevity to the events and statistics immediately our own.

We have lost, since the meeting of the last Convention, three Bishops, from the Sees respectively of Georgia, Florida and Oregon. They were men most distinct in character, attainments and influence, and yet concurred in being each so meet for his post, that the whole Church mourns their loss, and bears her united testimonial to the faithfulness of their administration, and the honorable purity of their lives.

It is a large record of bereavement, but the undying life of the Church can afford to lose the best of her mitred Fathers, without an enduring shock to her order, or derangement of her sacred polity.

The anticipation of the Convention, by more than three weeks, has seriously crippled my ability to prepare as minute a record as usual, of my "coming in and going out," in my functions during the past year. I have reserved, however, some few additional visitations and other statistics which will extend to the actual close of the Conventional year, so that before the Journal is published, or this Address, I may be able to add memoranda more complete, and expand this portion of my record and charge. The parochial reports will, of themselves, with the tabular statement, supply largely the detail. The Missionary work will come before you in the summary and recommendations of the Board. From the consciousness of many of you within your personal efforts, and from the frequent intelligence

through various channels brought to you, the impression largely exists that this has been a fruitful year, a year of harmony and success, in which has been more predominant than before, depth, comprehensiveness, and larger sympathies.

CONFIRMATIONS.

My own acts, in this respect, have been limited to less than four months. In this time I have administered it about forty-five times, and the aggregate will be over five hundred. The following list gives the specific places and number:

In St. John's Church, Algonquin, were confirmed 7; in Trinity Church, Belvidere, 5; in St. Matthew's, Bloomington, 15; in St. Ansgarius', Chicago, 11; Ascension, Chicago, 13; Atonement, Chicago, 13; Cathedral, Chicago, 34; Christ Church, Chicago, 19; Grace Church, Chicago, 22; St. James', Chicago, 5; St. John's, Chicago, 33; St. Mark's, Chicago, 8; St. Stephen's, Chicago, 43; Holy Trinity, Danville, 7; St. Luke's, Dixon, 4; St. James', Dundee, 7; Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, 8; in El Paso, 11; Zion Church, Freeport, 15; Grace, Galena, 13; Christ Church, Harlem, 5; Christ Church, Joliet, 18; St. Paul's, Kankakee, 17; St. John's, Kewanee, 5; in Knoxville, 9; St. John's, Lacon, 5; in Monmouth, 1; St. John's, Naperville, 12; Christ Church, Ottawa, 20; St. Paul's, Peoria, 23; Free Chapel, Peoria, 10; St. Paul's, Peru, 2; in Prairie

City, 2; Christ Church, Robin's Nest, 13; Emmanuel Church, Rockford, 13; St. Paul's, Springfield, 10; Grace Church, Sterling, 11; St. Peter's, Sycamore, 15; Christ Church, Waukegan, 10; in Young America, 5; confirmed privately, 1. Total confirmed, 510.

ORDINATIONS—PRIESTHOOD.

In the Cathedral Church, on the 17th day of April, being the Wednesday before Easter, the Rev. Albert W. Snyder, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Chicago, and the Rev. William J. Pigott, of Morris, Illinois, were admitted to the Order of Priests. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Clinton Locke, who also preached the Sermon.

DIACONATE.

On the 30th day of May, 1867, being Ascension Day, in the Cathedral, I admitted and ordained to the Order of Deacons, Charles W. Leffingwell and B. Franklin Fleetwood, who had completed their studies at Nashotah. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Chicago. Seven clergy were present and assisting.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES.

On Monday, May 20th, 1867, I dedicated to the service of Almighty God, the Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville, Vermillion County.

On Friday, May 24, 1867, Grace Church, Galesburg, on which occasion the sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Rylance.

CLERGY DISMISSED.

I have given letters dismissory, at their own request, to the following clergy:

The Rev. William M. Buckmaster, to the Ecclesiastical authority of Michigan.

The Rev. Charles Albert, to Arkansas.

The Rev. Edward C. Porter, to Wisconsin.

The Rev. John Foster, to Tennessee.

CLERGY RECEIVED.

The Rev. Robert J. Keeling, D. D., from Ecclesiastical authority of Maryland, Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. Albert E. Wells, from Indiana, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peru.

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., from Ohio, Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago.

The Rev. A. B. Russell, from Louisiana, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pekin.

The Rev. Samuel D. Pulford, from Indiana, Rector of St. John's Church, Decatur.

The Rev. Asher P. Crouch, from Michigan, residing in Chicago.

The Rev. J. Austin Merrick, from Indiana, residing in Shelbyville.

The Rev. Joseph A. Russell, from Pennsylvania, residing in Galva.

The Rev. Cornelius S. Abbott, from Ohio, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton.

The Rev. Charles P. Dorset, from Wisconsin, Canon of the Cathedral, Chicago.

The Rev. Duane S. Philips, from Vermont, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kankakee.

In addition, there are four Clergy addressing the Diocese or about to do so, whose letters I have not yet received. The whole number is over *ninety*.

There are several topics on which I had intended to speak to you, and through you to the Diocese, which I am constrained now to leave with this abrupt closing of my Address. I know not whether I can still hint them. But one truth I may utter for your heart and my own. Our place of honor, as of safety must be, as explicit, faithful, and diligent servants of Christ, identified with His cause, to share the anxiety of the watch hour, the hardness of the discipline, and the self-denial of the Cross, through which experience only can the rest that remaineth be sweet, the last struggle be cheered with the vision of the Saviour, and the New Jerusalem open its pearly gates for us as the "white robed" conquerors "through the Blood of the Lamb, and the Word of the Testimony."

The Church will be glorious in that day. Let us realize her glory now, love her teaching, trust her as a guide, honor her discipline, sustain her claims, fulfill her

holiness, and look with humble confidence to enjoy her triumphs. But let us surely realize the life of that teaching, discipline and triumph. "The Lord one, and His name one." The Saviour known, loved, and vindicated; His reign established over the souls of the delivered in the "beauty of holiness." Every thing subordinated to Him. That life, hid with Christ in God, and waiting His appearing, is His precious gift now. May His Cross and Passion so unite us to the suffering Christ, that when He shall be revealed in the glory of His Throne, we may share the honor of those who have waited for Him, with secret tear and life of prayer, in anxious watch and holy discipline, with tender sympathies and hearty work, in the midst of infirmities, shortcomings and sins, which His Infinite Grace pardons and transmutes into the jewels of the Crown and the extacy of the New Song.

At the close of the Convention, the Bishop, as is customary, addressed the members before the final adjournment.

The Secretary, with the permission of the Bishop, has appended to the Annual Address the remarks then made. They are collated from the report in the daily newspapers.

ADDRESS MADE BY THE BISHOP AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONVENTION:

DEARLY BELOVED: It has been usual for me to address a few words to the Convention, at the close of its deliberations, before separating to our respective homes. The first sentiment that presents itself to my mind, is to thank you for the close attention you have given to a very laborious session; and next, to congratulate you upon the auspicious circumstances which have attended upon this meeting of Convention. I think all of us will go away with the conviction, that during the whole session there has been a steady realization of the hopes of the preceding year, in the advance of the Diocese; not only in its material statistics, but in the growth and expansion of those energies of love and work which augur and secure to us so largely the promises of the future. I feel there is in all our hearts that consciousness, so hard to define, of hope and confidence in the work of the future, because the realization of this is sustained by the co-operation of those around us; and our own individual actions and desires, which we feel are so feeble and inadequate to effect the real purposes of our hearts, are thus, as it were, combined and consolidated with the mass of conjoined efforts and kindred labor, to effect the great

purpose of the glory of God and the good of the Church, for which our hearts are so deeply enlisted.

We shall receive a personal and direct impulse from this annual Council, and I refer to this, because there is an important secondary effect of these meetings that I think we do not employ as effectively as we might; and that is, to carry home with us for use the emotions and influences, the objects of interest that rouse duty and affection, to infuse them into the hearts and minds of our parishioners.

To those whom you have represented here in a legislative capacity, when you go home, transfer, as far as possible, the sympathies and emotions and kindred duties and co-operative fellowship that have come so warmly and strongly to your own hearts and minds while here. To do this in some degree, provision is made in the reading to the several congregations of the Address of the Bishop. That document is certainly too long to be read in the ears of the congregation at one time with profit. In preparing it I purposely discriminated the several departments in it, and made each branch relatively complete within itself.

May I not venture to say that, when the clergy read these respective portions to their congregations, they should connect with the reading a sermon or address upon that particular topic, endeavoring to expand it and to bring the mind of the congregation into sympathy

therewith. Many of the subjects are of deep import to you. In it there are illustrations and incidents connected with the advancement and progress of the Church, both here and abroad; and you could take in like manner the relations of the Diocese itself in its important interests abroad and at home, and show to your flock how each of these interests ought to be responded to by the body as a whole. Our responsibility is not only in the way of contributions which may flow from its cumulative charitable efforts, but there is a responsibility which is more essential still to the growth of the Church, and that is, the interest of every one in the thing itself—an interest which, touched by the living Spirit of God, will make our cause—the cause of the Church—an integral part of our moral being, and more secure in an intellectual interest in these enterprises. If we learn the wants and real condition of our Diocese and our Church, I feel that we shall have far more of energy and sympathy among ourselves, and shall manifest a greater readiness to act with thoroughness and vigor in our several spheres, and a richer blessing will descend from Heaven upon us. Therefore, if in family worship you can bring your people to remember these special interests, you will do good service. As an example, I may note that in the venerable Greek Church they pray for the Unity of the Church. They are instructed, in their

private as well as public devotions, to use the prayer for the Unity of Christ's Body.

If you will catch this idea, and carry it still further and link it with missionary work, you will accomplish much more. Show your congregations that they do not live for themselves alone—that they must try to lend and to give for the Church of Christ—and that one of the precious things they must learn to lend and to give is their Pastor, and allow him to have time to extend his labors outside and beyond the bounds of his parochial charge to the outlying portions, where there are those to be sought and drawn in, as well as those who have gathered around him and received the Word and Sacraments of Life. And I am assured that the congregation that will really, spiritually appreciate this, and feel that they are giving up their precious things for the love of the Kingdom of our Lord and its brotherhood, will be proportionately blessed.

And having entered on these few remarks connected with what you are to carry home with you on your return, I now close by praying upon you the blessings of God in that return. I know, beloved, to what arduous work and solemn claims—to how many apparently conflicting duties—to what a weight of personal and domestic care, and to how many vicissitudes of temper and of conflict—you are going in your several fields of duty, in which you are to stand up as ministers and

defenders of the Cross. I know how firm you have to be in the midst of the multitudes, not to compromise your holy profession and your true ministry, but that you may be good witnesses to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church. I know how strong is the claim upon you in every way to give your labors in such forms, that, as I have remarked, it almost seems as if you felt you were violating your duty when you are anxiously trying to comply with it. There is always this conflict of duties apparent, in the midst of which you have to guide yourselves with a high Christian expediency. Impressions of shortcoming will arise, from which, if I may look at the experience of my own heart, the greatest burdens of the pastoral life come forth. I have always felt as a great weight upon my mind, the sense of the unlimited responsibility of the ministerial office, the almost killing sense that I could only, as it were, catch the skirts of the range of work that my heart, my intellect, my conscience, told me was bound upon me.

In this connection I venture to say, that, with the blessing of God, should come the conviction that with all the responsibility there exists a limit to it, and this limit is that which God has himself placed in exact sympathy with our personal estates; that, according to what you can properly do it shall be required of you, and not according to the illimitable measure of that

awful and yet glorious harvest-field into which we are summoned as workmen. God does not ask from us more than we have strength to do; but He does ask from us the full employment of all our powers. And I say this because I want to speak to the tender consciences, to the weary frames, to the burdened hearts, that are among the ministry, and tell them how tender is the Saviour whom they serve, how kind is the Master whose service they are in, and that He does not ask from them anything more than the limits of their just physical strength, and the right and healthy proportion of the powers that God has given them; and that they, therefore, must measure and learn to define the responsibility, which may be found to be one of the most critical and anxious allowances in the casuistry of life, but one as imperatively necessary as it is to look at responsibility at all.

And now, praying upon you that blessing in basket and in store, and in spiritual things, which is to make you robust and firm in the service of God, I bid you an affectionate farewell. If I am to go over the deep sea, and God designs me to be a member of that honored Council, there must be for some time a separation of that close sympathy and communion which, far more than you perhaps appreciate, has subsisted between us. There are few things of importance that pass within your parishes that are not known to

the Bishop—certainly very few with which I do not endeavor to cultivate that cordial sympathy that belongs to me in my office. Thus, then, for the time, I am more than usually separated from you. I feel, however, assured that I shall be remembered by you in that way for which we have the earnest appeal of the best of men to offer in behalf of it—"Brethren, pray for us."

I am sure that God will be with me, as He has called me to this effort. Although I cannot say that I go as strong in faith as I would desire, and with as much confidence of heart that I really can be of any important use there, yet still, I have confidence that, if I go at all, as far as I can read duty, I go by God's will and permission.

And now, brethren, God be with you and keep you in all your ways; pardon you, as I pray He may pardon me, the sins, infirmities, weaknesses, in the struggles and difficulties which surround and oppress our natures; and bring you at last, in His own good time, where there is sweet rest, and where we shall see God's light for the dimness and groping of this struggling world.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you," regard not our sins, but the Faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which is agreeable to Thy Will, and hasten the perfection of the Elect Body, of which Thou art the Head, Who livest and reignest forever. *Amen.*

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The Rev. SIDNEY CORBETT, B. D., Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Quincy; Rural Dean, Western Deanry.

The Rev. ASHER P. CROUCH, Priest, Assistant Minister, Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. SAMUEL COWELL, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan. P. O., Lockport.

The Rev. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Priest, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Sycamore.

The Rev. ERASTUS DEWOLF, Priest, Missionary at Marseilles.

The Rev. CHARLES P. DORSET, Priest, Canon of the Cathedral Church, Chicago.

The Rev. DAVID W. DRESSER, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlinville.

The Rev. S. BRAINARD DUFFIELD, Priest, Rector of Christ Church, Waukegan.

The Rev. SAMUEL EDSON, Priest, Rector of Grace Church, Galena.

The Rev. ALEXANDER FULLERTON, Priest, Rector of Christ Church, Harlem.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, Priest, Missionary, residing in Belvidere.

The Rev. GEORGE GIBSON,* Priest, residing in Chicago.

The Rev. JOHN GIERLOW, Priest, Rector of Grace Church, Sterling.

The Rev. CHARLES A. GILBERT, Priest, Rector of Christ Church, Joliet.

The Rev. JONAS GREENE,* Priest, residing in Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM GREENE, Priest, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Geneva.

The Rev. ASA GRISWOLD, Priest, residing in New York.

The Rev. GEORGE C. GRISWOLD, Priest, Rector of Trinity Church Geneseo.

The Rev. C. B. GUILLEMONT, Priest, Missionary to the French, St. Anne, Kankakee County.

The Rev. EDWARD H. HARLOW, Priest, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington.

The Rev. HENRY T. HIESTER, Priest, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HUTCHINS, Priest, officiating in St. John's Church, Albion.

The Rev. WILLIAM F. B. JACKSON, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield; Rural Dean, Middle Deanry.

The Rev. WILLIAM JOHN JOHNSTONE, Priest, Rector of Zion Church, Freeport.

The Rev. PHILIP A. JOHNSON,* Priest, acting as Missionary at Centralia.

The Rev. WILLIAM Y. JOHNSON, Priest, Rector of Trinity Church, Polo.

The Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES, Priest, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES V. KELLY, D. D.,* Priest, Washington, D. C.

The Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES, Priest, Canon of the Cathedral Church, Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL, Priest, Rector of St. Mary's School and St. John's Church, Knoxville.

The Rev. CLINTON LOCKE, D. D., Priest, Rector of Grace Church, Chicago.

The Rev. THOMAS LYLE, Priest, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Evanston.

The Rev. MATTHEW MAGILL,* Priest, residing in Peru.

The Rev. JAMES S. McGOWAN, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Lacon.

The Rev. PHILIP McKIM, Priest, Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown.

The Rev. WILLIAM MITCHELL, M. D., Priest, Mound City.

The Rev. THEODORE N. MORRISON, D. D., Priest, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington; Rural Dean, Eastern Deanry.

The Rev. FRANCIS B. NASH, Priest, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Tiskilwa, and Zion Church, Providence.

The Rev. JOHN WESLEY OSBORNE, Priest, Missionary at Bement, and on Illinois Central Railroad. P. O. Chicago.

The Rev. ROSWELL PARK, D, D.,* Priest, Principal of Immanuel Hall, Lake View. P. O. Chicago.

The Rev. DUANE S. PHILLIPS, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kankakee.

The Rev. JOHN PORTMESS, Priest, Bunker Hill.

The Rev. H. N. POWERS, D. D.,* Priest, Rector elect of St. John's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. SAMUEL D. PULFORD, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Decatur.

The Rev. E. JAMES PURDY, Priest, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville.

The Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Warsaw.

The Rev. CHARLES RITTER, Priest, Rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Chicago.

The Rev. WARREN H. ROBERTS, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peoria.

The Rev. A. B. RUSSELL, Priest, residing in Pekin.

The Rev. J. A. RUSSELL, Priest, Principal of High School, Galva, officiating at Mendota.

The Rev. ROBERT RYALL,* Priest, residing at Vandalia.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. RYLANCE, D. D., Priest, Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago; Rural Dean, Northern Deanry.

The Rev. GEORGE SAYRES,* Priest, residing in New York.

The Rev. A. W. SNYDER, Priest, Rector of Calvary Church, Chicago.

The Rev. THOMAS SMITH, B. D.,* Priest, residing in Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pekin.

The Rev. GEORGE C. STREET, Priest, Canon of the Cathedral Church, Chicago.

The Rev. EDWARD SULLIVAN, A. B.,* Priest, Rector elect, Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. RICHARD F. SWEET, B. D., Priest, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM THOMPSON, Priest, Rector of St. John's Church, Kewanee.

The Rev. ROBERT TREWARTHA, Deacon, Minister of St. Mark's Church, Chester.

The Rev. GUSTAV UNONIUS,* Priest, residing in Sweden.

The Rev. J. E. WALTON, Priest, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

The Rev. J. H. WATERMAN,* Deacon, residing near Morris.

The Rev. ALBERT E. WELLS, Priest, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peru.

The Rev. JOHN R. WEST,* Priest, absent in Europe.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, Priest, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Dixon.

The Rev. HENRY W. WOOD, Priest, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. JAMES A. WOODWARD,* Priest, residing at Farm Ridge.

The Rev. GERSHOM P. WALDO, Priest, residing at Springfield.

Whole number of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese:

Bishop	1
Priests	86
Deacons	4—91
Number entitled to seats in this Convention	75
Number present entitled to seats	61
Number present not entitled to seats	5
Number absent entitled to seats	14
Number absent not entitled to seats	11

CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS

PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., etc., Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev. C. S. Abbott,
" S. T. Allen,
" P. Arvedson,
" John Benson,
" F. W. Boyd, D. D.,
" Jacob Bredberg,
" C. A. Bruce,
" T. G. Carver, D. D.,
" John Cauch,
" J. S. Chamberlaine,
" J. Taylor Chambers,
" March Chase,
" Samuel Chase, D. D.,
" C. E. Cheney,
" Edwin Coan,
" James W. Coe,
" Wm. H. Cooper, D. D.,
" Sidney Corbett, B. D.,
" Samuel Cowell,
" A. P. Crouch,
" Geo. F. Cushman, D. D.,
" Erastus DeWolf,
" C. P. Dorset,
" D. W. Dresser,
" S. B. Duffield,
" Samuel Edson,
" Alexander Fullerton,
" John A. Fitch,
" John Gierlow,
" George C. Griswold,
" C. B. Guillemont,
The Rev. Henry T. Hiester,
" W. F. B. Jackson,
" William J. Johnstone,
" William Y. Johnson,
" S. Russell Jones,
" J. Harris Knowles,
" C. W. Leffingwell,
" Clinton Locke, D. D.,
" Thomas Lyle,
" James S. McGowan,
" Philip McKim,
" Wm. Mitchell, M. D.,
" T. N. Morrison, D. D.,
" F. B. Nash,
" J. W. Osborne,
" D. S. Phillips,
" E. J. Purdy,
" W. M. Reynolds, D.D.,
" Charles Ritter,
" W. H. Roberts,
" A. B. Russell,
" J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
" A. W. Snyder,
" Wm. M. Steel,
" G. C. Street,
" Wm. Thompson,
" J. E. Walton,
" A. E. Wells,
" W. H. Williams,
" H. W. Wood.

CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS

ABSENT FROM THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev. Joseph Adderly,
" T. N. Benedict,
" Philander Chase,
" C. P. Clarke,
" C. A. Gilbert,
" William Greene,
" Asa Griswold,
The Rev. Edward H. Harlow,
" Benjamin Hutchins,
" John Portmess,
" S. D. Pulford,
" J. A. Russell,
" R. F. Sweet,
" Robert Trewartha.

CLERGY NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS

PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev. George Gibson,
" Jonas Greene,
" Roswell Park, D. D.,
The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A. B.
" James A. Woodward.

CLERGY NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS

ABSENT FROM THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev. P. A. Johnson,
" C. V. Kelly,
" Matthew Magill,
" Robert Ryall,
" George Sayres,
The Rev. Thomas Smith, B. D.,
" Gustav Unonius,
" J. H. Waterman,
" John R. West.

CLERGY OF OTHER DIOCESES PRESENT DURING THE SITTINGS OF THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev. H. A. Barrow, Diocese of Pennsylvania.
" J. L. Gay, Agent of the S. S. Union and Church Book Society.
" F. M. Gregg, Diocese of Indiana.
" Joshua Knowles, Diocese of Georgia.
" L. P. Tschiffely, Diocese of Wisconsin.
" E. B. Tuttle, Post Chaplain U. S. A., Fort D. A. Russell,
" A. J. Yeater, Diocese of Texas. [Wyoming.
" John Wilkinson, Diocese of Wisconsin.

List of Parishes

ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION IN THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

Delegates marked thus * were absent, or were not heard to answer to their names.

St. John's,	Algonquin,	Wm. Estergreen, *James Kee.
St. Paul's,	Alton,	S. R. Dolbee, *J. W. Schweppe, Gaius Paddock.
Trinity,	Aurora,	C. F. Jauriet, *S. A. Tenney, *Samuel Hoyles.
Trinity,	Belvidere,	Nijah Hotchkiss, *N. H. Merchant, Henry Pineger.
St. Matthew's,	Bloomington,	George S. Todd, *James S. Ewing, *James W. Peck.
Redeemer,	Cairo,	H. H. Candee, *W. W. Thornton, H. L. Halliday.
St. Paul's,	Carlinville,	*M. H. Head, M. D., *James McIntyre, *Fred. L. Matthews, M. D.
St. Mark's,	Chester,	*R. B. Servant, *John L. Edwards, *John Swanwick.
Ascension,	Chicago,	J. L. Watson, F. B. Peabody, *J. B. Fall.
Atonement,	Chicago,	*Reuben Taylor, *N. E. Petersen, J. A. J. Kendig.
Calvary,	Chicago,	J. J. White, Henry Pilcher, F. F. Hilder.

Christ,	Chicago,	A. C. Calkins, Albert Crane, Edward C. Cleaver.
Epiphany,	Chicago,	D. W. Page, Geo. Gardner, *Henry F. Chace.
Grace,	Chicago,	W. J. Barney, Henry C. Ranney, Melville W. Fuller.
Holy Communion,	Chicago,	L. B. Otis, *A. E. Neely.
Our Saviour,	Chicago,	Franklin Hathaway, Wm. H. Stickney.
St. Ansgarius',	Chicago,	John M. Shonbeck, *Herman Roos, *C. M. Eklund.
St. James',	Chicago,	*E. K. Hubbard, *J. H. Bowen, *G. M. Higginson.
St. John's,	Chicago,	C. H. Jordan, C. M. Fitch, M. D., *S. H. Larminie.
St. Mark's,	Chicago,	H. O. Stone, *C. T. Bowen, R. S. Thompson.
Trinity,	Chicago,	G. R. Chittenden, J. H. Roberts, *J. M. Wilson.
Holy Trinity,	Danville,	A. G. Denney, *A. S. Williams.
St. Luke's	Dixon,	James B. Charters, Wm. W. DeWolf, *James K. Edsall.
St. James',	Dundee,	A. S. Hollister, *George Barnet.
Redeemer,	Elgin,	John F. Beaty, *E. Hancock.
St. Mark's	Evanston,	Charles Comstock, *Wells Lake, *Charles Barrett.
Calvary,	Farmington.	*Lyman Warner, *William Wilkinson, Jr., Thomas Bell.

St. Andrew's,	Farm Ridge,	A. W. Griffith, *Jasper Bennett, *H. W. Jackson.
Zion,	Freeport,	*Thomas Webster, *Daniel S. Brewster, Isar Lawver.
Grace,	Galena,	*Fred. Stahl, Samuel B. Heron.
Grace,	Galesburg,	T. E. Coot, *J. P. McCutchen, *D. Greenleaf.
Trinity,	Jacksonville,	*Henry Stryker, Sr., *John Flack, *William K. Dewey.
St. Paul's,	Kankakee,	*William Sibley, Sr., Emory Cobb.
St. John's,	Kewanee,	*R. P. Parrish, J. Hopkins, *Isaac Harper.
St. James',	Lewistown,	S. Corning Judd, *DeWitt C. Bryant, *E. M. M. Clark.
St. John's,	Lockport,	*Hiram Norton, *William Hanley, *Francis Hanford.
St. Paul's,	Manhattan,	*Thomas Jones, *John Young, *Charles S. Guion.
Zion	Mendon,	*John Lunn, *Eli Banks, *A. D. Cooke.
St. John's,	Naperville,	James G. Wright, Samuel Gehr, Morris B. Powell.
St. Paul's,	Pekin,	*Wm. Stanberry, *Edward Hudson, *John W. Casey.
Christ,	Ottawa,	J. W. Dow, *F. C. Prescott, *H. A. Howland.
St. John's,	Peoria,	*Henry I. Chase, Samuel Wilkinson, *Richard F. Seabury.

St. Paul's,	Peoria,	A. G. Tyng, *O. P. Bissell, O. H. White.
St. Paul's,	Peru,	*Naason Young, *John T. Milling, *Peter Bowers.
St. John's,	Quincy,	Francis C. Moore, S. C. Sherman, Wm. M. Robertson.
Christ,	Robin's Nest,	Joseph Mayo, Cecil Moss, *James Stewart.
Emmanuel,	Rockford,	R. P. Lane, M. C. Churchill, S. W. Stone.
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	S. H. Treat, N. W. Edwards, *Geo. H. Harlowe.
Grace,	Sterling,	*Gabriel Davis, *D. F. Batcheller.
St. Peter's,	Sycamore,	Isaac Johnson, *F. W. Partridge, *E. G. Wheaton.
St. Jude's,	Tiskilwa,	*Oliver Milling, *N. W. Barlow.
St. Paul's,	Warsaw,	*Pierre A. Barker, *John W. Marsh, *John Chittenden.
Christ,	Waukegan,	*William Besley, Charles R. Steele, Thomas Bidwell.
St. Luke's,	Wyoming,	*Henry A. Holst, *J. G. Green, M. D.

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THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
September 15th, A. D., 1868.

The Thirty-First Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois assembled for Divine Worship in the Cathedral, Chicago, on Tuesday, the 15th day of September, A. D., 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. D. W. DRESSER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlinville; the First Lesson read by the Rev. C. S. ABBOTT, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton, and the Second Lesson by the Rev. W. H. ROBERTS, Peoria. The Rev. EDWIN COAN, Rector of Christ Church, Ottawa, said the Creed and the concluding Collects.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Right Reverend the BISHOP, assisted in the Epistle by the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. THOMAS G. CARVER, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, from St. John, xiv: 16.

The Alms at the Offertory, amounting to $100.00, were devoted to the relief of the family of the late Rev. CHARLES H. ALBERT, of Arkansas.

The Right Reverend the BISHOP proceeded with the Celebration of the Holy Communion, and administered the same to the Clergy, Lay Delegates and Congregation present.

Divine Service having been concluded, the Convention met for organization and business at 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Secretary called the names of the Clergy of the Diocese entitled to seats in Convention, in all seventy-five; of this number fifty-three* were present.

There being a quorum of the Clergy, the list of the Parishes entitled to representation according to Canon VI., thirty-eight in number, was read. The Certificates of the Lay Delegates, were, on call, presented, and referred to a committee consisting of Mr. S. H. TREAT, Mr. A. G. TYNG, and the SECRETARY.

The committee reported as correct the entire list.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates, when it was found that twenty-eight† Parishes were represented in Convention.

There being present a Canonical number of Lay Delegates, thus constituting a quorum of both Orders, the Convention was declared to be duly organized and ready for business.

The "Rules of Order" were then read.

The election of Secretary being next in order, on motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES was re-elected.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. GEORGE P. LEE was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Secretary asked for an Assistant, and nominated the Rev. MARCH CHASE. The nomination was, on motion, confirmed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That upon the payment of a certain proportion of dues (specified in each instance), the privilege of representation in this Convention be granted to Zion Church, Mendon; St. Paul's Church, Pekin; St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington, and St. John's Church, Knoxville.

* A list of the Clergy who attended this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 11.

† A list of the Lay Delegates present during the session of this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Clergymen present not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention, and that they be requested to hand their names to the Secretary.*

The BISHOP gave notice that the seats of the East Transept were reserved for this purpose.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

I. ON THE INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.—The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Mr. Samuel Wilkinson, Mr. J. H. Roberts.

II. ON FINANCE.—The Rev. Sidney Corbett, Mr. James G. Wright, Mr. Charles Comstock.

III. ON PRIVILEGE.—The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D., The Rev. T. G. Carver, D. D., Mr. A. G. Tyng, Mr. A. C. Calkins.

IV. ON LEGISLATION.—The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., The Rev. George F. Cushman, D. D., The Rev. C. S. Abbott, Mr. S. H. Treat, Mr. S. Corning Judd, Mr. W. W. DeWolf.

V. ON THE EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH.—The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., The Rev. Edwin Coan, Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden, Mr. W. J. Barney.

VI. ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—The Rev. E. J. Purdy, Mr. J. W. Dow, Mr. J. Hopkins.

The President also appointed the Inspectors of Elections, as follows:

For Standing Committee:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. E. J. Purdy,	The Rev. J. Taylor Chambers,
Mr. Samuel Gehr.	Mr. H. H. Candee.

For Deputies to General Convention:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. J. W. Coe,	The Rev. Samuel Edson,
Mr. Francis C. Moore.	Mr. F. W. Partridge.

For Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. Wm. John Johnstone,	The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.
Mr. Thomas Bidwell.	Mr. S. C. Sherman.

* A list of Clergymen from other Dioceses, present at the Convention, is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 12.

Papers of application for admission into union with this Convention were received from the following Churches, and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches:

CALVARY CHURCH, ...	Chicago.
ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, ...	DeKalb.
CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, . . .	Chicago.
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ...	Peoria.
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, . . .	Chicago.

On motion, the claims of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan, and the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, to representation in this Convention were referred to the Committee on Privilege.

The Committee on the Incorporation of Churches reported the papers of application of the following Churches to be correct:

CALVARY CHURCH, ...	Chicago.
ST. ALBAN'S CHURCH, ...	DeKalb.
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ...	Peoria.
CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, . . .	Chicago.
CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, . . .	Chicago.

On motion, the aforesaid Parishes were severally admitted into union with the Convention.

The Committee on Privilege reported favorably on the claims of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan, and the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, to representation in this Convention.

On motion, said Parishes were admitted to such privilege.

Certificates of Lay Delegates from the recently admitted Parishes and others, were then presented, referred, and reported correct; and, on call, those who were present took seats.*

*A list of the Lay Delegates present during the session of this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

Miscellaneous Business.

Miscellaneous Business being in order, the following preamble and resolution were presented and unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Convention:

The members of the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, having heard this morning of the sudden death of the Rev. H. N. BISHOP, D. D., in Paris, desire to express their sorrow at the event and their sympathy with those whom God has thus afflicted.

They wish to put on record their admiration of his enthusiasm, his earnestness, his untiring labor in his Master's cause, his warm and generous impulses, and his success in winning souls.

They would invoke for his widow, his children and his mourning relations and parishioners, that promise of the Holy Comforter which is never denied to those who faithfully ask it, and would prayerfully commend them to the keeping of that God and Saviour who is a very present help in time of trouble.

Resolved, That this their formal action be published in the Church papers and communicated to the family of the deceased.

Previous to the adoption of the foregoing, addresses expressing sincere affection for the deceased, heartfelt regret for his loss, and warm appreciation of his many noble qualities, were delivered by the Rev. CLINTON LOCKE, D. D., the Rev. J. H. RYLANCE, D. D., and the Rev. WILLIAM H. COOPER, D. D.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet again Wednesday, at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Wednesday, Sept. 16, A. D., 1868.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. J. H. KNOWLES, Canon of the Cathedral. The Rev. C. W. LEFFINGWELL, Rector of St. Mary's School, Knoxville, read the First Lesson, the Rev. Canon DORSET the Second. The Rev. JOHN WILKINSON, of the Diocese of Wisconsin, said the Creed, Collects, and the Litany.

The Convention was then called to order by the President, and the roll called by the Secretary.

The minutes were read and approved.

The certificates of Lay Delegates not present before were called for, presented, and referred to the Committee. Those presented were found correct, and approved. The Lay Delegates answering took their seats.*

The names of members not present on the first day were called. Those answering took their seats.†

Papers of application for union with this Convention were received from St. James' Church, Dundee, and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches.

The Committee reported the same to be correct.

* A list of the Lay Delegates present in this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

† A list of the Clergy who attended this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 11.

On motion, St. James' Church, Dundee, was admitted into union with the Convention.

The Right Reverend the BISHOP of the Diocese then commenced to read his Seventeenth Annual Address.

At one o'clock, on motion of the Bishop, the Convention took a recess until two o'clock.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP, who proceeded with the reading of his Address.

At its conclusion, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Lambeth Conference be referred to a committee.

Said Committee was appointed, as follows:

The Rev. S. Chase, D. D., Mr. F. F. Hilder,
The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D., Mr. W. W. DeWolf.
The Rev. John Benson,

On motion, a committee was appointed upon that part of the Bishop's Address referring to the late Bishop of Montreal.

Said Committee consisted of

The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Mr. George P. Lee.
The Rev. Canon Street,

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address touching the subject of Missions was referred to a committee, as follows:

The Rev. T. G. Carver, D. D., Mr. J. H. Roberts,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Mr. L. B. Otis.
The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.,

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address relating to St. Mary's School, Knoxville, was referred to a Special Committee, as follows:

The Rev. Charles Ritter, Mr. N. W. Edwards.
The Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D.,

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Church Unity was referred to a Committee, as follows:

The Rev. W. H. Roberts,
The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D.D.,
The Rev. W. H. Cooper, D.D.,
Mr. Samuel Wilkinson,
Mr. S. H. Treat.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Relief of the Southern portion of the Church was referred to a Special Committee, consisting of three Clergymen and three Laymen.

Said Committee consisted of

The Rev. F. W. Boyd, D.D.,
The Rev. C. P. Dorset,
The Rev. D. W. Dresser,
Mr. S. C. Judd,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the necessity of making suitable provision for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy, by Life Insurance or otherwise, was referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report at the next Convention.

Said Committee was appointed as follows:

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D.D.,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D.D.,
The Rev. S. T. Allen,
Mr. H. C. Ranney,
Mr. E. K. Hubbard,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden.

On motion, so much of the Bishop's Address as related to Christian Education was referred to a committee.

Said Committee consisted of

The Rev. W. H. Woods,
The Rev. Edwin Coan,
The Rev. D. S. Phillips,
Mr. H. C. Ranney,
Mr. J. J. White.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the Rt. Rev. J. H. HOPKINS, D. D., late Presiding Bishop, was referred to a Committee, as follows:

The Rev. W. H. Roberts,
The Rev. D. S. Phillips,
Mr. S. Corning Judd.

On motion, that part of the Bishop's Address

relating to Sisterhoods was referred to the following Committee:

The Rev. Canon Street, Mr. John F. Beaty.
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D.D.,

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address touching the subject of Lay Readers was referred to the following Committee:

The Rev. Sidney Corbett, Mr. F. F. Hilder,
Mr. H. C. Ranney.

The Report of the Standing Committee was presented and read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE FOR THE CONVENTIONAL YEAR 1867-8.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully report as follows:

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, August 21st, 1867, the Revs. Clinton Locke, Hiram W. Beers and J. H. Rylance, D. D., and Messrs. A. C. Calkins, Geo. R. Chittenden and C. R. Larrabee were elected the Standing Committee.

SEPTEMBER 6TH, 1867.—The Committee met and organized by the election of Rev. Clinton Locke, President, and Mr. C. R. Larrabee, Secretary.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. Mr. Pitts, to be Missionary for District comprising Elgin, St. Charles, Geneva and Batavia, with a stipend of $1,000, *provided* one-half that amount be raised in that field.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. E. B. Tuttle, as Missionary at Petersburg, Carrollton, Jerseyville and Whitehall, with a stipend of $1,000; and Rev. Albert E. Wells, as Missionary at La Salle and Peru, with a stipend of $150.

Recommended the payment, to Rev. Mr. Guillemont, Missionary at St. Anne, of a stipend of $200, for the year 1865, omitted through an oversight of the Secretary of the Committee at that time.

NOVEMBER 6TH, 1867.—Granted Letters Dimissory as follows: Rev. Robert J. Keeling, D. D., transferring him to Diocese of Pennsylvania; Rev. Edmund B. Tuttle, transferring him to jurisdiction of Missionary Bishop of Nebraska; Rev. W. W. Rafter, transferring him to Diocese of Wisconsin; Rev. Hiram W. Beers, transferring him to Diocese of Wisconsin.

Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Wm. Y. Johnson from the Diocese of Iowa.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. G. C. Griswold, as Missionary at Geneseo, with a stipend of $200; Rev. W. M. Steel, as Missionary at El Paso and Chenoa, with a stipend or $300; Rev. Erastus DeWolf, to be Colporteur, under direction of the Board.

NOVEMBER 20TH, 1867.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of Rev. John W. Beckwith, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. T. N. Benedict, as Missionary at Morris, with a stipend of $200; Rev. Charles Ritter, as Missionary in North Chicago, with a stipend of $375.

Authorized Rev. Clinton Locke, President of Committee, to sign Papers sanctioning the organization of a new Parish in the city of Peoria.

Received Canonical Notice of the deposition from the ministry of Rev. John W. Ledenham, by Bishop Stevens, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, dated November 7th, 1867.

DECEMBER 10TH, 1867.—Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Henry W. Woods from the Diocese of Iowa.

Granted Letters Dimissory to Rev. Jno. Austin Merrick, transferring him to the Diocese of California.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. Wm. W. Estabrook, as Itinerant Missionary in a District of which Jacksonville should be the centre.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D., as Missionary at Duquoin, with a stipend of $200.

Gave consent to Jas. J. White, Henry Pilcher and others to organize a Parish in West Chicago, under the name of "Calvary" Church, and Licensed Messrs. White and Pilcher as Lay Readers in same.

Gave consent to Richard D. Van Wagenen, Franklin Hathaway and others, to organize a Parish in North Chicago, under the name of "Our Saviour."

DECEMBER 26TH, 1867.—Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Joseph Adderly from the Diocese of Pittsburg.

JANUARY 21ST, 1868.—Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Charles Ritter from the Diocese of Michigan, and Rev. Thos. G. Carver, D. D., from the Diocese of Indiana.

Granted Letters Dimissory, transferring Rev. Wm. J. Pigott to the Diocese of Western New York.

Recommended to the Diocesan Missionary Board, Rev. J. A. Russell, as Missionary at Galva, without stipend.

Appropriated the Fund for Aged and Infirm Clergy of the Diocese, as follows: To Rev. Chas. P. Clarke $100; to Rev. Asa Griswold $100; to Rev. Benj. Hutchins $100.

MARCH 23D, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of Rev. Wm. H. Augustus Bissell, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Vermont.

Signed Testimonials of Rev. C. W. Leffingwell and Rev. J. E. Walton, Deacons, recommending them to the Bishop of the Diocese for Priests' Orders.

Received from the Bishop of the Diocese, Notice of the deposition from the ministry of Rev. John Niglas.

JULY 18TH, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of March Chase, recommending him to the Bishop of the Diocese for Deacon's Orders.

SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of Mr. Edward Toll and Mr. James Cornell, recommending them to the Bishop of the Diocese as candidates for Holy Orders.

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of William Allington, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

CLINTON LOCKE, *President.*

C. R. LARRABEE, *Secretary.*

The Report of the Trustees of the Diocese was next presented and read:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE.

The Trustees of the Diocese beg to report, that, owing to the Legislation of the Diocese in reference to the Diocesan and Endowment Fund, little or no business connected with Church interests comes before their Body.

They have not, therefore, held any meetings for business for the two past years.

There is, however, a matter of some moment upon which the Trustees would ask the advice and counsel of the Convention.

In former years the Trustees held in trust a Lot of Land, consisting of eighty acres; this, through inadvertencies arising from a change of officers and the removal of the Board to Chicago, becomes involved by a Tax-title.

During the past year the matter has been investigated and there is now a proposition from the present claimant as against the Board to pay the sum of $300 to perfect his title.

The Board ask direction of the Convention both as to the proposed compromise and the disposition of the proceeds.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Chairman of Trustees of Diocese.

On motion, said report was referred to a committee, consisting of two Laymen, as follows: Mr. L. B. OTIS and S. CORNING JUDD.

The Vice President of Jubilee College presented and read the following:

REPORT OF JUBILEE COLLEGE.

Since the last Report to this body in 1866, this Institution has been revived in its educational interests.

The Sessions of 1866-7 and 1867-8 ended favorably both as to numbers and attainment in scholarship. The number in 1866-7 averaged about thirty; in 1867-8 about forty. Of these four are looking forward to the ministry.

Since the last Report the sum of $2,723.66 has been expended in repairs and improvement. Of this sum $2,098.03 have been received from various sources in contributions and personal gifts.

In the efforts to revive the Institution and place it in such relations as will command patronage, its financial condition has not been improved; its present indebtedness on book account is $1,730.31. This statement does not involve its real estate or personal property.

The Institution is believed to be now in a condition to command patronage; should this be accorded to the extent of its accommodations it will prove an efficient instrumentality of education within the pale of the Church and upon her own principles.

SAMUEL CHASE, *Vice President.*

The Treasurer presented and read his report, which was, on motion, referred for auditing to the Finance Committee.

The Report of the Board of Missions was next presented and read, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, in making their Second Annual Report, desire to thank the Clergy and Laity of Illinois for the cordial help given them in seconding all their plans.

Soon after the adjournment of the last Convention, the Board met at Springfield and organized by appointing ALEXANDER G. TYNG Secretary.

After a careful review of the work during the past year, and a free consultation with their brethren, they felt satisfied that the system and plans they had adopted were the best they could devise. They have tried to realize that their work was deeper and broader than merely to raise money for Missions, and have sought to increase among Clergy and Laity a true missionary spirit and an earnest desire for the salvation of men. In their plans, therefore, they have sought, by God's help, to make their meetings a blessing to the Parish in which they were held, and to make each Parish a center of organized Missionary work.

With this view of their work, the Board desired and expected this year to hold a Missionary Convocation in every Parish and Mission Station in the Diocese, but from various causes, mostly local, they have been only partially successful; still over fifty Convocations have been held. They expected to raise $10,000 this year, and the first six months promised well; but the unusual scarcity of money in the

country this spring and summer, and the failure of Convocations through the non-attendance of those appointed, have prevented the fulfillment of these expectations. The following are the Convocations held and amount pledged at each:

MISSIONARY CONVOCATION PLEDGES.

Trinity	Rock Island	$ 100 00
St. Paul's	Kankakee	125 00
Zion	Freeport	125 00
St. Paul's	Springfield	650 00
St. John's	Algonquin	....
Cathedral	Chicago	400 00
St. Andrew's	Farm Ridge	34 12
St. Paul's	Alton	200 00
Missionary Station	Knoxville	115 00
Holy Trinity	Danville	81 78
Christ Church	Robin's Nest	150 00
St. Luke's	Dixon	120 00
Christ Church	Waukegan	263 00
St. John's	Kewanee, adjourned	....
St. John's	Chicago	625 00
St. James'	Chicago	1,500 00
St. Paul's	Peru	22 00
Trinity	Polo	39 13
St. Paul's	Peoria	725 00
Grace	Galena	113 00
St. Mark's	Evanston	25 00
St. Peter's	Sycamore	25 00
Grace	Chicago	400 00
Trinity	Geneva	66 00
St. Jude's	Tiskilwa	43 34
Trinity	Duquoin	26 45
Emmanuel	Rockford	50 00
St. John's	Quincy	700 00
Grace	Galesburg	20 00
St. John's	Naperville	11 00
St. Mark's	Chicago	6 63
Trinity	Aurora	75 00
St. James',	Lewistown	34 45
St. John's	Peoria	238 50
Trinity	Chicago	194 00
Ascension	Chicago	33 65
Calvary	Chicago	51 00
St. Stephen's	Chicago	12 00
St. John's	Lockport	35 00
Redeemer	Elgin	31 00
St. Matthew's	Bloomington	75 00
Christ Church	Ottawa	25 00

As the result of their work, the Board have increased the number of appointments helped by them from twelve, two years ago, to the present number — twenty-seven — and have been enabled to increase the amount given, in many cases; yet their hearts feel sad at the small amount received by many faithful laborers of the Lord in this Diocese.

The Board have given much thought and attention to the subject of Colporteur work. Immediately after the last Convention, they appointed Rev. E. DE WOLF, who, for three months, did good work, and from many points they have received gratifying testimony of the good done. Last March they appointed Mr. THOMAS CLOUGHER, a Layman, in all points thoroughly adapted to this work. After sending him to visit several Parishes, the Board found the sale of books very slow, and sent him, in May, to visit thoroughly the town of Moline, to see what could be done towards establishing an Episcopal Church there. The result of his labors there was the organization of a Sunday School; then of a Parish; and the raising of money and starting a Church building, with every promise of great success. The Parishes of Rock Island and Moline have united together, and called a Rector to take charge of the two Parishes. During the last two months, he has been at work at Preemption, under the direction of the Bishop of this Diocese, officiating every Sunday as a Lay Reader, visiting the people during the week with his books and tracts. He has so united and interested this scattered congregation, that there is good prospect that they will be able to call and help support a Minister in connection with a Mission Station on the same prairie, five miles distant, in Mercer county, under charge of Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE.

The Board of Missions would call attention to the many school houses within five miles of every Parish, where congregations of from thirty to fifty could be gathered every Sunday. The laborers should be Laymen, working under the direction of the Rector of Parish. While presenting no plan, the Board desire to present to the consideration of the Convention this field, white for the harvest.

The Board of Missions would call especial attention to the southern part of the State. If a line be drawn through Jacksonville, Springfield and Decatur, nearly one-half of our State will be found south of this line. In this part of our State, in 1855, we had nine Parishes and four Clergy; in 1860, nine Parishes and six Clergy; and the Report of 1867 gives the same number of Parishes and Clergy. During this time, the population of that part of our State has increased nearly three-fold. The opening of new railroads and the developing of the large fruit-growing interests have brought in a large eastern population, and the social and religious changes have been as great and as thorough as the political. With these changes, has come a demand for an educated Ministry. Other Christian bodies are sending their best men there, and new and handsome Churches are being built all over that part of the State. Our branch of the Church of Christ has alone been idle, while there is a great and growing desire for our order and form of worship. This year has been, in that part of our state, a year of

religious life and enthusiasm never before known, showing itself in large Christian conventions and Sunday School gatherings. It is a flood-tide, and demands our prompt and immediate action. This demand is great and pressing, and the Board, with the work they now have on hand, see no way in which they can meet it.

The Board, while finding so much to encourage and fill their hearts with praise and thanksgiving, regret to find so many Parishes, assisted by them, appear to be making so little progress toward becoming self-supporting, while several Parishes are fast joining the long list of Parishes which, in the past History of our Church in this Diocese, have been organized and then died away. This difficulty, with the wants of Southern Illinois, demands our careful and earnest consideration, and the Board of Missions would close their Report by suggesting that the Convention devote half a day to the prayerful consideration of these questions, that God, our Heavenly Father, who hath given us a good will to do all these things, may grant, also, unto us strength and power to perform the same; and therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That half a day be given to the consideration of the Mission work in this Diocese.

T. N. MORRISON, D.D.
J. H. RYLANCE, D.D.
J. S. CHAMBERLAINE.
G. P. LEE.
E. K. HUBBARD.
ALEX. G. TYNG.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Committee appointed upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Missions be instructed to report to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock, and that, upon the incoming of said report, the subject of Diocesan Missions be taken as the Order of the Day.

The Report of the Examination Committee of Jubilee College was presented and read as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF JUBILEE COLLEGE.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention to attend the Examination and Commencement of Jubilee College, respectfully report—

The Committee was not so fully represented as desirable, but those who were present gave their most careful attention to the exercises of the various classes in the College.

Throughout the Examination, the Committee was impressed with evidences of the untiring industry and efforts of the Rev. Dr. CHASE and his assistants to render the school attractive and in a high degree useful to the scholars.

The classes were composed of boys from ten to fifteen years of age, who had received, previous to their connection with this school,

little or no literary training. It would seem to require much time and great patience to beautify such material, and give it a pleasing aspect to the educated spectator; and yet, under the benefit of the great experience and the liberally furnished mind of the Rev. Dr. CHASE, many of these boys had made great proficiency in a very short time. The recitations were pleasantly conducted, and the answers prompt and generally correct.

In connection with the school, ample provision is also made for muscular development. There is a gymnasium, a fine campus for playing ball, and the most inviting places for walking and rambling.

We would recommend this school to the confidence and patronage of Churchmen in the Diocese.

Why should Jubilee be suffered to languish and die for the want of support? With a site beautiful beyond comparison, and an ample domain, it would seem only to need the attention and care of the Diocese, which it truly merits, to make it a successful and influential school.

Here, also, every provision is made for the moral and religious needs of the student. The beautiful system of the Church is carefully observed. Her Confession, Anthems, Creeds and Prayers form part of the daily routine. How sweet is the influence which is felt in a school like this. How different from those schools where God's name is seldom spoken, except in ridicule or contempt, and prayer is never offered, and holy song never heard.

Asking the indulgence of the house, your Committee would add, that, in their judgment, the great want of the Diocese and the nation is Christian schools. It would be far better to educate our children at home than to send them to other than religious and churchly schools. We are at a loss to know upon what principle, either financially, morally, or religiously, Churchmen subject their children to the disastrous influence which pervades many of the schools and colleges of this land. It may be done thoughtlessly and upon the expectation of honestly giving and receiving, but, in nine cases out of ten, the result is only to be deplored. There is a victim. The Church loses her child, or else he becomes indifferent to her welfare and ungrateful for her precious blessings.

Have we not facilities for educating our youth? Yes; but they might be made far more complete. First, let us support, by our confidence and patronage, the schools we have, thus making them more permanent and more efficient. In the second place, where are our benevolent Laymen? Where are the men who give five, ten, twenty, thirty and fifty thousand dollars for the founding and endowing of Church schools and colleges? There are many Laymen in this Diocese in possession of vast sums of money, and yet we are not aware that a dollar has been given to found or endow a school or college of any grade or character within the Church.

We most earnestly ask our wealthy Laymen to think of their obligations to Christ's Church. What account will they render to Him who

hath made them His earthly stewards? It may seem like a dream of the enthusiast to *speak* even of such schools as Rugby, Eton and Winchester, but may we not with confidence hope that soon a school like Trinity, or Hobart, or Racine, will be firmly established in our own Diocese? This is one of the great objects which as Churchmen we have to do. Other systems of education arise, flourish, and die. The Church alone, like her Divine Founder and Head, is eternal, immortal. Shall she not be permitted to train her own children? Shall she not be permitted to teach them to pursue science in the fear of God? A part of her great duty in this world is to "go teach all nations." God hath therefore made His Church the instructor of the people.

Let then the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese engage in this great work, feeling confident that, should the torch fall from our failing hand, another will be found to catch it up and bear it onward unquenched.

W. H. Roberts.

The Sunday School Committee presented and read the following Report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools, appointed at the last Annual Convention, respectfully report, that the removal from this Diocese of its Chairman, and the impossibility of getting a quorum of the Committee together, must be the only excuse for the meagerness of their remarks.

The subject of Sunday School education has been so often brought before this body, and has been so thoroughly handled by previous Committees, that it leaves us but little to suggest or comment on. The present Committee have therefore confined their labors to the preparation of a table of statistics connected with this work—forwarding a blank form to every Clergyman of our Church, and where Parishes were vacant, to one of the Wardens; but up to the present time the returns are so incomplete, owing to remissness on the part of those on whom we looked for information, that we cannot yet submit reliable figures.

The system of Instruction is still very varied, comprising twenty-four different kinds of Lesson and Question Books.

In answer to a question, as to the advisability of holding an annual meeting of Superintendents of, and Teachers in, Sunday Schools—

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The points we propose to touch on are, the necessity of more uniformity in instruction, the necessity of greater interest among the Laity in this work, and the necessity of some organization among those interested, to discuss more fully than this Convention can, ways and means to prosecute and systematize the entire work of Sunday Schools.

And first, as to uniformity in instruction, a glance at the list

used will show the evil resulting from such a large mass of Lesson Books—not but what all may have their merits, but that where so many are used, with the constant removals of Clergy from Parish to Parish, there must of necessity be frequent changes of Lesson Books, to the detriment of both Scholars and Teachers.

The theory of Sunday School instruction with us is a preparation for Confirmation, and the Church in her wisdom, knowing the restlessness of man, has set forth a plan for the education of her children; and we contend that no child, unless of such mature age as to be prepared for a more advanced Christian education, should be instructed in other than the "Church Catechism" simple, and the knowledge of the Prayer Book in our Daily Services.

We are convinced, from personal examination on this subject, that too little attention is paid to this plain duty of Priest and people, and that there is too much seeking after novelty in new methods and new books. Children should be well grounded in the primitive method; for nothing can be more detrimental to the growth of a proper Churchly sentiment among us than the neglect of this great and imperative duty.

Cramming children of all ages, and of all degrees of intellect, with a certain number of verses every Sunday is not Christian education, and, to our mind, is not of much practical utility.

Second: We require a greater interest on the part of the Laity. This is a point upon which we find some difficulty, after what has been already said, to add any new arguments, but the urgency of the case demands another appeal for Churchly sympathy and aid. Our Prayer Book, in her Baptismal Service, teaches us that it is the duty of sponsors "to see that infants be taught what a solemn vow, promise and profession hath been made for them." It is useless disguising the fact that in this hard, driving, practical, money-making age, this duty, in the great majority of cases, is grossly neglected; and, as parents and sponsors cannot and will not attend to this solemn duty and responsibility, the Church steps in, and, to the utmost of her power, gathers the lambs into her fold, and attempts the delicate task of bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; a task which none but a parent can or should inculcate. Now, what are the Laity doing to help us in our time of need? Thank God we have some brave Christian hearts, both men and women, who give their time and ability to the work, but "the laborers are few and the harvest is ready for the sickle." Our teachers—who are they? In the last Diocesan Report, they are stated as two females to one male, and a very large proportion of these, young persons, whose proper place, too often, should be in Bible Class. Sunday after Sunday the appeal goes out for aid, for sympathy, for teachers, and the appeal is too often answered by the young. We want men and women for this work, not children. We want tact, experience, a knowledge of human nature, and we want, above all, a matured Christian knowledge which it cannot be expected a great majority of this class of teachers can possess. For, although, in our great extremity, we are only glad to take all that offer, yet we must acknowl-

edge we hesitate before committing our children to this class in the matter of secular education, and yet, in the all important question of a religious education, we act as if it was no account in whose hands we place them. Still, if we have to depend for the future, as in the past, on this class of teachers, means must be devised, by meetings or general Teachers' Institutes, to bring them to a better appreciation of their duties.

From the short space of time generally allotted to the discussion of the Sunday School cause, it has been a question of some importance with your Committee, whether it would not be better to submit this entire subject to an annual meeting of superintendents, and possibly teachers, where the whole matter could be more fully discussed, a greater uniformity obtained, and a heartier appreciation of the work established. Our brethren of the sects around us understand this, apparently, better than we do. Witness their large and overflowing schools; laborers of experience offering themselves; the establishment of Missions and the liberal donations of time and money constantly being made. And are we, Churchmen, ashamed of our great privileges, our vaunted superior system? Let our answer be NO! Let us wake up from our lethargy, and, by renewed exertions, convince the world that we do something besides talk—something besides making reports and adopting resolutions, year by year, which are but seldom thought of again until we meet in Convention, and then, again, our ears are greeted with the report of a committee, whose recommendations and whose resolutions are of little worth, because not accompanied by any apparent effort to remedy the evil or to redeem the time. "Deeds, not words," should be our motto.

From the returns, as before mentioned, we find that thirty-eight Clerical or Lay Superintendents out of forty-five report themselves as very favorable to an annual meeting, to be devoted exclusively to this work. Let us have it, by all means, so that, if successful, and by God's blessing, if we approach the work in a proper spirit, we believe it must be, we may all exclaim "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name be the glory!"

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. ROBERTS.
SIDNEY CORBETT.
GEO. GARDNER.
HENRY C. RANNEY.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Examination Committee of Jubilee College and the Report of the Sunday School Committee be referred to the Committee appointed upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Christian Education.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the arrearages from certain Parishes of the special assessment for Contingent Expenses, made four years since, as reported by the Treasurer, be and hereby are remitted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee upon the Bonded Debt and upon the Endowment Fund be made the Order of the Day after recess to-morrow.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what change is necessary in the Canonical provision for the Contingent Expenses of the Diocese, and if new legislation be necessary, to report a suitable Canon.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Legislation be requested to report upon the expediency of a triennial election of Deputies and Provisional Deputies to General Convention, at the Diocesan Convention, immediately preceding the meetings of that body, instead of the present prescribed annual election.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report to this Convention the Constitution and By-Laws of a Church Building Society for the Diocese of Illinois.

Said Committee was appointed, as follows:

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Mr. L. B. Otis,
Mr. G. P. Lee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported three items left over for the action of this Convention: one, on page forty-five, Journal of Thirtieth Annual Convention, regarding a proposed Canon for the election of Bishop; one, on page fifty-eight of the same Journal, relating to Vestries, and one, on page fifty-nine of the same Journal, on Rural Deans.

In connection with the subject of Rural Deans, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That this Convention recognizes and adopts the system of Rural Deanries as organized by the Bishop during the past year, and hereby confirms the appointments of Rural Deans made by him in the respective Ruri-Decanal Districts of the Diocese.

On motion, that portion of Unfinished Business relating to Vestries, found on page fifty eight, Journal of last Convention, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The Committee on Finance presented and read the following Report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Treasurer's Report, and find the same correct.

SIDNEY CORBETT.
JAS. G. WRIGHT.
C. COMSTOCK.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again on Thursday, at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Thursday, Sept. 17, A. D., 1868.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. WILLIAM JOHN JOHNSTONE, Rector of Zion Church, Freeport. The Lessons were read by the Rev. Canon DORSET. The Rev. E. J. PURDY, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville, said the Creed and concluding Collects.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Committee on Legislation presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation beg to report, as follows:

They have had under consideration the proposed amendment of Article XI. of the Constitution, as to the election of Deputies to the General Convention, and advise no change in the Article, for the reason that there is a provision already in the Article. Any annual election may be passed, except the one immediately preceding any General Convention requiring the election of Provisional Deputies.

They have also had under consideration the relative distribution of the Diocesan Fund, and recommend that 70 and 80 per cent. be substituted for 90 and 100 per cent., in Section 3 of Canon XIII.

The Committee report as inexpedient any changes in Canon IX., as to the election of Wardens and Vestry.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Chairman of Committee on Legislation.

On motion, that portion of the Report referring to Contingent Expenses was, at their own request, referred back to the Committee.

The Special Committee upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Missions presented the following:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Missionary work of the Diocese, respectfully report:

That they rejoice at the success of the Board in raising money and extending the Missionary work of the Diocese.

The Bishop having apportioned the Diocese into "Ruri-Decanal Districts," and appointed therein "Rural Deans," and this action of the Bishop having been approved by this Convention, some additional legislation would appear to be necessary for the harmonious working of the Diocese.

That, in our judgment, the whole subject of the appropriation of the "Missionary Funds" should be left entirely within the control of the Board of Missions, as constituted by the additional legislation hereinafter recommended, being fully persuaded that such action will harmonize with the views of the Bishop.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the following additions to Canon VII. of Diocesan Missions:

"The Rural Deans of this Diocese shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Missions.

"The Board may choose out of its own members an Executive Committee, of not less than three nor more than five, and define its powers and duties, of which the Bishop shall be President.

"Any five members of the Board, at any time duly assembled—the whole having been summoned by the Bishop—shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

THOMAS G. CARVER.
CLINTON LOCKE.
SIDNEY CORBETT.
L. B. OTIS.
J. H. ROBERTS.

On motion, the addition to Canon VII., proposed in the foregoing report, was unanimously adopted.

The Special Committee upon the Report of the Trustees of the Diocese reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The undersigned Special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Diocese, beg leave to report that, so far as it is possible to do during the session of this Convention, they have inquired into the matter of the proposition made to the Trustees of the Diocese in respect to the sale, for the price of $300, of the title vested in them of the eighty acre tract of land referred to in the said Report, and would respectfully recommend that the Trustees be advised not to accept, for the present at least, of the proposition referred to; and that some gentleman learned in the law be appointed to examine into the title of the said tract, and the facts in reference to the possession and payment of taxes, who shall report his opinion and such facts to the Trustees, who thereupon should use their discretion in view of such facts and such opinion.

All of which is respectfully submitted. L. B. Otis.
S. Corning Judd.

The Recommendations therein set forth were adopted, and, on motion, Mr. S. Corning Judd was appointed said Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which relates to the death of the Metropolitan of Canada, presented the following Resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted:

The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Episcopal Address which relates to the recent decease of the Lord Bishop of Montreal, beg leave to submit the following Resolution for adoption by the Convention:

Resolved, That this Convention has learned with sincere sorrow of the unexpected death of the Most Reverend Francis Fulford, D. D., Lord Bishop of Montreal, and Metropolitan of Canada.

Judicious in counsel, wise and considerate in the administration of his important charge, exemplary in all the relations of life, and peculiarly simple and unaffected in his habits, the departed Prelate was a noble pattern of a Christian Bishop.

Nor will it be readily forgotten by the American Church how deep an interest in her welfare and progress was manifested by him in various ways, while the whole Anglican Communion will bear grateful witness to that largeness of heart, and true Catholicity of spirit, which placed him in the van of the movement that resulted in the Lambeth Conference.

This Convention, therefore, while it offers its respectful sympathy to his bereaved widow and family, as well as, in an especial manner, to the Sister Church of Canada, desires to place on record its profound and sorrowful conviction that the death of the lamented Prelate has left a blank in the ranks of the Church at large, which will not be easily filled.

All of which is respectfully submitted. GEORGE C. STREET.
CLINTON LOCKE.
GEO. P. LEE.

The Committee appointed upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the late Presiding Bishop, presented the following Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Church in America has, since our last Convention, been called to mourn the loss of her Presiding Bishop, the late Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., of Vermont;

Resolved, That we desire, in common with the Church at large, to express our sorrow for his death, and our high regard for his character.

Resolved, That, in view of his great and varied attainments; of his eminent usefulness to the Church, no less in the labors of an author than of a Christian Bishop; of his last great work in connection with the Lambeth Conference, we cherish his memory with pride, and are grateful to God for his worthy example and his life of fruitful labor for the Church of Christ.

W. H. ROBERTS.
D. S. PHILLIPS.
S. CORNING JUDD.

On motion, the Right Reverend the BISHOP of the Diocese, was requested to act as a Committee of Communication, on behalf of the Convention, in relation to both the above instances.

The Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address referring to St. Mary's School, presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

The fervent words of the Rt. Rev. BISHOP on the subject of Education, and his paternal recommendation of St. Mary's School, prompt your Committee once more to appeal to every member of this Convention. All discussions, of this and previous Conventions, with regard to the training of the rising generation, have proved the imperative necessity of educational institutions of a high order, and of a distinct Church character. In this conviction, and with this view, St. Mary's School has been established with great care, and at much expense.

The paramount question now is, shall St. Mary's School exist only for a short period, like a rose of June, and then vanish? If not, then we appeal most emphatically to every Rector, and to all Church members of this Diocese, to take this School under their fostering care and patronage. The annual expense to sustain the School, to maintain its corps of seven able instructors, and to secure for the pupils the comforts of a Christian Home, will be about $10,000. If the Church does not send a sufficient number of her children, then this large expense must, in a brief period, terminate the existence of this Institution. We would, therefore, solicit the Rectors and parents to send the children of the Church to St. Mary's School, and to exert themselves to maintain this needed, and worthy, and promising Institution.

CHAS. RITTER.
N. W. EDWARDS.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the Lambeth Conference, presented the following Report and Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relative to the Lambeth Conference, beg leave to report as follows:

The Lambeth Conference undoubtedly marks an epoch in the history of the Anglican Communion. It is the beginning of a new autonomy and self-government in the Church of England, and the affiliated Churches of the wide-spread British Empire. It is the formal reception of our American Church into the assembling Council of the Reformed Catholic Church. It is, we may hope, the germ of a new series of Ecumenical Councils that shall restore the spirit of the primitive Nicene Council, and stand in organic and vital connection with it. It is a restoration of Apostolic simplicity and purity in the position of the Episcopacy towards the Church of which it is the Chief Pastorate, and to which its Encyclical gives its godly admonitions in form and language strongly suggestive of Apostolic times.

To this venerable assembly it was the privilege and happy fortune of this Diocese to contribute not only by the expression of its interest in the projected Conference, and its earnest desire for its convocation, but much more, by sending to it its honored Diocesan, who bore so prominent a part in the deliberations of the Conference and contributed so largely to its great success. It is therefore proper that we should not only express our high satisfaction with the manner in which our highly esteemed Diocesan discharged his duties in that august assemblage, but that we should also make a suitable response to the Encyclical which he has presented to us in connection with his Address to the Convention. With this view we present the following resolutions as

the action of our Convention on this most important and interesting subject:

First.—That this Convention has listened with deep interest to the report of its Diocesan touching his connection with the Lambeth Conference and the proceedings of that most venerable body.

Second.—That we feel ourselves honored by the part which our Bishop and Representative bore in those deliberations, and most highly and cordially approve of his action in the premises.

Third.—That we heartily rejoice in the assembling of the Lambeth Conference, and acknowledge the good providence of God and the fulfilled promise of the Great Head of the Church to be with her even to the end of the world in thus bringing together such a body of the Bishops and Representatives of the Church, and so guiding them by His Holy Spirit, alike in their procedure and in the godly admonitions which they have, through their Encyclical, addressed to the Churches of the faithful all over the world.

Fourth.—That we acknowledge the Scriptural doctrines and the pure faith once delivered to the Saints set forth in that Encyclical, and that we shall ever pray for grace to enable us, both as a Church and as individuals, to walk in that faith, and to cultivate and observe the unity of the same in the bonds of peace with all the members of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Fifth.—That we most earnestly desire and pray that the work of union so happily begun among the members of the Anglican Communion may be carried on to its completion, when all parts of the Church Catholic shall once more be brought together in a true Ecumenical Council, and that, as the direct and proper means towards this end, another Congress with enlarged powers like this at Lambeth may be held at such time and place and season as suitable arrangements can, under the guidance of God, be made therefor.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

SAMUEL CHASE.
WM. M. REYNOLDS.
JOHN BENSON.
W. W. DEWOLF.
FREDERICK F. HILDER.

The Order of the Day being called for, a discussion ensued upon the subject of Missions.

At one o'clock, on motion, the Convention took a recess of an hour.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

It being the Order of the Day, the Endowment Fund Committee presented and read the following Report and Resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted:

REPORT OF THE ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE.

To the Diocese of Illinois, in Convention Assembled:

The Endowment Fund Committee beg leave to respectfully report that this plan for raising money has not been pressed upon the attention of the Parishes throughout the Diocese during the past conventional year, believing the past year was not so favorable for such work. The receipts of the Treasurer, without any extraordinary effort, amount to some four hundred and eighty dollars. (See Treasurer's Report.)

The past year has not been favorable for the prosecution of this work, for two reasons:

First.—Twenty-five per cent. of the proceeds of the Endowment Fund is appropriated to the payment of the Bonded Debt of the Diocese, and some Parishes have already paid their pro-rata of that debt. In their subscribing to said fund, they would pay over and over again to the Bonded Debt. A Committee having been appointed by the last Convention to endeavor to procure the payment of arrears in Bonded Debt, it is to be hoped that their labors may have been crowned with success, and this objection will be removed.

Second.—Fifty per cent. of the Endowment Fund is given to the Missionary work of the Diocese.

This work of the Diocese is now principally conducted by an efficient Missionary Board. This Board make their appeals to the Parishes in the form of Missionary Meetings or Convocations, and through such appeals increase the Missionary zeal of our beloved Church, and, at the same time, raise the money to prosecute its blessed work. Therefore, those who give to the Missionary Committee and to the Endowment Fund in the same Parish, give, in two different ways, to the same object, in the same year. While no one would probably be poorer by giving several times each year to such a noble work, yet, in the practical working of the two systems for collecting money, viz.: the plan of the Endowment Fund or the plan of the Missionary Board, for a series of years to come, it is not difficult to predict that one of them must succeed while the other will be abandoned. Which one of these plans will succeed, or which one of them will be abandoned, the Parishes of the Diocese will, in time, be well qualified, by experience, to decide, as they will have pretty fully tested both in the raising of money for Missionary work; and when the decision shall have been made as to which of the two systems of raising money for this object is the best, that system might be applied to the raising of money for the various purposes of Diocesan work.

For the benefit of any who may have come into the Diocese during the past year who may not have already become familiar with the Endowment Fund plan, this Committee would briefly state that this

plan is simply that the attendants upon our Church should each be induced to give five cents per week—paying to the Parish Treasurer such contributions monthly or quarterly, who, in turn, remits the same to the Treasurer of the Diocese, who, by virtue of his office, is the Treasurer of the Endowment Fund. Such fund is appropriated as follows: Fifty per cent. to the Missionary work of the Diocese; twenty-five per cent. to the payment of the Bonded Debt of the Diocese, and twenty-five per cent. as a Sinking Fund of the Diocese.

This plan of raising money in and for the Diocese would be felt by none, but, if participated in by all would give to the Diocese many times more money each year than it has ever received in any one year, putting all the contributions of the Diocese together.

The strongest possible recommendation of the plan is that it is adopted by a sister Diocese, and that a majority of the Parishes in our own have adopted and are using the Endowment Fund plan, to raise money for their local or Parish work and to pay annually their share of the Diocesan Fund.

The strong friends of our Church in this Diocese express their belief firmly that when this plan and that plan shall have been tried, this new appeal and that new appeal shall have been exhausted, for raising money for immediate use, that the Parishes in this Diocese will, by and by, universally concentrate and adopt this as their plan for raising money for Church work.

The Committee would recommend to this Convention the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That those attending the Service of our Church in this Diocese are respectfully desired to consider well and deeply, this coming year, the Endowment Fund plan, to study well its workings and the results such simple, permanent and systematic giving would secure, under God's blessing, to themselves and their children, the Parishes and the Church, not only in our own but in coming time.

Resolved, That the Endowment Fund Committee shall be, hereafter, composed of four Laymen from Chicago and three from the other parts of the Diocese, in the stead of its entire membership being from Chicago, as heretofore.

W. J. BARNEY.
GEO. R. CHITTENDEN.
SAMUEL GEHR.
GEORGE M. HIGGINSON.
GEORGE P. LEE.
A. E. NEELY.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12, 1868.

ENDOWMENT FUND—1867-8.

St. Paul's	Alton	$ 21 35
Cathedral	Chicago	31 20
St. John's	Gillespie	10 00
St. John's	Lacon	2 60
Grace	Chicago	219 27
St. Paul's	Warsaw	7 00
Carried forward		$291 42

Brought forward		$291 42
Redeemer	Wilmington	5 45
Zion	Mendon	90 00
Christ Church	Waukegan	31 85
St. John's	Naperville	30 22
Trinity	Belvidere	11 35
St. John's	Algonquin	12 20
St. James'	Dundee	5 20
St. John's	Albion	26 00
Christ Church	Robin's Nest	2 65
Christ Church	Ottawa	28 49
St. Paul's	Peoria	15 25
St. John's	Peoria	5 25
Immanuel Hall	Chicago	5 20
Redeemer	Cairo	10 00
Christ Church	Chicago	28 30
		$598 93
Less Expenses		9 50
Total		$589 43

The Committee on Legislation presented and read the following Report. On motion, the Resolution therein set forth was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation beg to report that they have had the "Apportionment of the Diocesan Fund" again under consideration, and, owing to the lateness of the session, recommend, instead of a change in the Canon, the following Resolution, viz.:

Resolved, That a sum equivalent to twenty cents for every communicant be assessed upon each Parish, to be collected and paid in the same manner as the assessment in Canon XIII, and under like penalties. The sums so paid to be passed by the Treasurer to the fund for Contingent Expenses.

The Committee also recommend that the matter referred to them in relation to the Bishop's Salary and House Rent be referred to a Special Committee.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Chairman of Committee.

The Committee on the Bonded Debt presented and read the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BONDED DEBT.

The Committee on the Bonded Debt respectfully report, that very soon after their appointment a careful examination was made of the

various accounts of the different Parishes with the Diocese, and the indebtedness of each was ascertained by taking the liability of each as set forth in the tabular statement in the Journal of 1863, adding thereto interest and subsequent indebtedness up to September 10th, 1867, and deducting therefrom all payments since 1862. Some of the Parishes reported in the tabular statement of 1863 have been since released by subsequent Conventions, and they were allowed such remission and only held for indebtedness contracted subsequently. The indebtedness of each Parish, arrived at by this Committee as above, is set forth in a tabular statement hereto annexed.

As soon as this was done, the Committee addressed per mail a respectful but urgent appeal to each Parish, setting forth its particular account, addressing a copy to the Rector or Wardens, and where known to both. Most of the parties thus addressed have not been sufficiently courteous to even reply. A few Parishes have expressed their willingness to pay their indebtedness in part or in full provided a receipt should be given exonerating them from all further liability, direct or indirect, on the Bonded Debt. They seem desirous that the odium of this debt, so long unpaid, shall not cling to them. Such a receipt this Committee, according to a strict construction of the resolution appointing it, could not give. These Parishes are:

St. James'	Chicago,	full amount	$976 00
Grace	Chicago,	" "	375 00
Christ Church	Chicago,	" "	90 60
St. John's,	Quincy,	" "	593 20
St. Andrew's	Farm Ridge,	full amount	97 50
St. Paul's	Alton,	part amount ($330.07)	100 00
			$2,232 30

Most of the above amount is in the hands of the Committee or Treasurer, and the balance can readily be collected and paid over if a satisfactory receipt can be given. Your Committee, in view of these premises would advise the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Diocese, on receiving from any Parish the amount stated as its debt to the Diocese in the tabular statement reported to this Convention by the Committee on Bonded Debt, be empowered and directed to give said Parish a receipt in full of debt to Diocese to September 1st, 1867, and fully exonerating it from all liability, direct or indirect, on the Bonded Debt.

As this Committee, in ascertaining and informing each Parish what it owed has done all it can do, we respectfully leave to the Convention the manifest duty of collecting the indebtedness still in arrear by the imposition of penalties which it alone can impose, and respectfully ask to be discharged.

E. K. HUBBARD.
GEO. R. CHITTENDEN.
W. J. BARNEY.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14, 1868.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS OF PARISHES TO THE DIOCESE ON SEPT. 1, 1867.

Parishes marked thus * have paid their quotas to the Committee.

Algonquin	St. John's	$ 40
Alton	St. Paul's	330 07
Amboy	St. Thomas', remitted	....
Albion	St. John's, paid, (Journal 1864)	....
Aurora	Trinity	250 60
Belvidere	Trinity	318 70
Bloomington	St. Matthew's	337 85
Bement	Atonement	32 40
Brimfield	Zion	83 80
Cairo	Redeemer, paid previously	....
Carlinville	St. Paul's	16 30
Centralia	St. John's	52 80
Chesterfield	St. Peter's, paid previously	....
Chicago	Ascension	69 96
Chicago	Atonement	391 00
Chicago	Christ*	88 60
Chicago	Grace*	365 44
Chicago	Holy Communion	394 44
Chicago	St. Ansgarius'	664 52
Chicago	St. James'*	975 98
Chicago	St. John's	164 04
Chicago	Trinity	680 47
Collinsville	Christ, remitted	....
Decatur	St. John's	29 77
Dixon	St. Luke's	44 27
Farmington	Calvary, paid previously	....
Dundee	St. James', paid previously	....
Farm Ridge	St. Andrew's*	95 07
Freeport	Zion	136 04
Galena	Grace	442 80
Galesburg	Grace	82 60
Geneseo	Trinity	99 80
Grand Detour	St. Peter's	95 55
Hyde Park	St. Paul's	36 40
Jacksonville	Trinity	88 03
Geneva	St. Mark's	5 60
Gillespie	St. John's	20 50
Joliet	Christ	82 23
Kewanee	St. John's	127 84
Kankakee County	St. Anne	49 00
Kankakee	St. Paul's	5 82

Lacon	St. John's, remitted	1 75
Knoxville	St. John's, remitted	....
Lee Center	St. Paul's, remitted	9 67
Lewistown	St. James', paid previously	....
Limestone	Christ, paid previously	....
Lockport	St. John's	197 60
Manhattan	St. Paul's	172 34
Marengo	Advent	129 90
Morris	St. Thomas'	274 20
Naperville	St. John's	33 78
Mendon	Trinity	4 40
Mattoon	Zion, remitted	....
Metamora	Christ	95 55
Pekin	St. Paul's	256 00
Peoria	St. Paul's	396 96
Peru	St. Paul's	96 04
Pittsfield	St. Stephen's, remitted	24 00
Polo	Trinity	134 40
Princeton	Redeemer	94 25
Providence	Zion, remitted	20 00
Quincy	St. John's*	577 20
Robin's Nest	Christ, paid previously	....
Onarga	Trinity	98 00
Ottawa	Christ	334 50
Rockford	Emmanuel	472 45
Rock Island	Trinity	85 10
Rock Island County	Grace, remitted	60 00
Rushville	Christ	6 00
Salem	St. Thomas', remitted	1 75
Springfield	St. Paul's	366 96
Sycamore	St. Peter's	152 10
Shelbyville	Trinity, paid previously	....
Sterling	Grace, paid previously	....
Tiskilwa	St. Jude's	65 85
Tremont	Christ	47 10
Tuscola	St. Mary's	7 00
Utica	St. George's	14 00
Warsaw	St. Paul's	131 44
Waukegan	Christ	152 10
Waverly	Christ	36 40
Wilmington	Redeemer	39 35
Wyoming	St. Luke's	92 80
Total		$11,439 63

The Committee also presented the following additional Resolution, which, with that contained in the

conclusion of their Report, were, on motion, severally adopted:

WHEREAS, During the past year each Parish delinquent has, as far as may be, been informed of its indebtedness and urgently requested to pay the same, and

WHEREAS, A very large majority of the Parishes have, up to this time, neglected their manifest duty of discharging their liabilities to the Diocese, thereby preventing the extinguishment of the Bonded Debt, so long unpaid, and the continuance of which is discreditable to this Diocese, be it

Resolved, That, if said Bonded Debt be not then fully discharged, no Parish remaining delinquent, as per tabular statement reported to this Convention by the Committee on Bonded Debt, shall be entitled to representation in the next Diocesan Convention; and, if said debt be fully paid, no Parish which has not paid some portion of its indebtedness shall be admitted.

On motion, the subject of the Bonded Debt was referred to a Committee consisting of the following:

Mr. W. J. Barney, Mr. Albert Crane,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden, E. K. Hubbard.

The Committee upon the Episcopal Residence made a verbal Report.

In connection with this matter, a motion was made and carried to suspend the order of business for the purpose of electing the Trustees of the Diocese.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected by acclamation Trustees of the Diocese:

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Mr. A. C. Calkins,
Mr. C. T. Bowen.

The following motion was presented, read, and adopted:

That the present Committee on the Bishop's Residence be discharged and a new Committee be appointed, with Dr. RYLANCE as Chairman, with full powers to fill any vacancies in their own body that may occur, and to perform all other acts necessary to secure for the Bishop during the coming year a suitable residence, by purchase or otherwise, as in their discretion said Committee may deem for the interests of the Diocese; and the Board of Trustees of the Diocese are hereby authorized and empowered to assist said Committee in its duties by giving the obligations of this Diocese if so required, and to secure the payment of the same by mortgage or trust deed of the premises purchased.

In connection with the foregoing, the following were appointed as the Committee upon the Episcopal Residence:

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
Mr. J. H. Bowen,
Mr. Melville W. Fuller,
Mr. C. H. Jordan,
Mr. J. A. J. Kendig,
Mr. T. P. Lawrence,
Mr. L. B. Otis,
Mr. D. W. Page,
Mr. E. B. Phillips,
Mr. Chauncy Roberts,
Mr. J. H. Roberts.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relative to Lay Readers presented the following:

REPORT ON LAY READERS.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address in regard to Lay Readers, would report:

First.—That they fully approve of the encouragement and extension of this branch of Lay co-operation.

Second.—The Committee heartily approve of the use of the plain surplice by Lay Readers, as identifying them more with the solemnity of the sacred office.

Respectfully submitted.

SIDNEY CORBETT.
FRED. F. HILDER.
HENRY C. RANNEY.

The Committee on Church Building Society asked permission to defer their Report until next Convention.

The Committee upon that portion of the Bishop's Address referring to Christian Education made a similar request.

The Committee upon that portion of the Bishop's Address referring to Christian Unity presented and read the following Report and Resolution which was unanimously adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The Committe to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Christian Unity respectfully report:

That none of the great principles which render the Anglican Church catholic and historical can be compromised or abandoned. It would therefore seem impracticable and unsafe to make any overtures or propositions touching Unity of a direct and specific character

to the religious bodies about us. There is always an opportunity of Unity extended to them on their willingness to receive an Apostolic Ministry, the ancient Creeds of the Church as adopted by the first four General Councils, and a Liturgical form of worship.

We would present these great features of the Church in gentleness and love, hoping and praying that God will, in due time, restore visible Unity among Christians on the principles of the Nicene Age.

The Committee would, however, offer the following Resolution for adoption by this body:

Resolved, That, if the General Convention shall think it meet and right to revive the Commission on Christian Unity, with such restrictions as they shall think proper, it will be agreeable to the feelings and judgment of this Convention.

W. H. Roberts.
Geo. F. Cushman.
S. H. Treat.
Samuel Wilkinson.

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in the Cathedral, Chicago.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That twenty dollars be appropriated to the Sexton of the Cathedral, for his faithful services to the Convention.

It was, also,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Church families in this city for their kind hospitalities.

The following Resolutions were, on motion, adopted:

Whereas, The Convention of this Diocese, at its session of 1867, adopted the following Resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Diocesan Convention of Illinois declares itself to be in favor of an early adoption in this country of a Provincial System adapted to the condition and wants of the Church in the United States; and the General Convention is requested, at its next session, to provide the necessary legislation to accomplish this end.

Resolved, That this Convention is in favor of changing the names of our General and Diocesan Conventions to those of General and Diocesan Councils; and,

Whereas, This present Convention heartily concurs in the said Resolutions, therefore, be it further

Resolved, That the Deputies to the General Convention from this Diocese be, and they are hereby instructed to bring the said Resolutions before that body, and to urge all necessary legislation toward the accomplishment of the ends proposed.

The following Report and Resolutions were presented and read. On motion the Resolutions were adopted:

REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN CHURCH.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address concerning the suffering and destitution of our brethren in the Southern States, beg leave respectfully to Report:

That they have had the subject under serious consideration, and are deeply impressed with the necessity of devising some plan by which substantial relief may be secured, and appropriated for the purpose specified.

There would be little need of argument to secure such means as are necessary to this end, if the affecting and earnest words of the Bishop's Address could be read and pondered by all the members of the Church in the Northern and more favored portion of our country.

Much has been done by Churches in this Northern region to relieve the distress which is so widely felt at the South, and for this we give God thanks. But we cannot fail to remember that the limit of Christian obligation, as taught by the narrative of the Good Samaritan, is the "existence of human distress," and "the ability to relieve it."

That there is a vast amount of real suffering in the South is indisputable. The wealth which has been accumulating there for a half century has been swept away. It is not in existence there. Households have been desolated, lands laid waste, and the besom of destruction has swept over the broad expanses of that once fertile and beautiful region, absolutely annihilating the very elements of prosperity. The buildings have been burned, agricultural implements destroyed, the laboring animals driven away, and the labor system entirely subverted, and rendered unreliable and inoperative. In some conditions of society this detail of ruin would be less calamitous than it is found to be by our Southern brethren. Their whole industrial system had unfitted them for the manly struggle of laborious life. They have had no early discipline of labor to brace them for that conflict; so that, when the necessity to meet it is devolved upon them suddenly, it is no wonder that their inexperienced efforts fail to accomplish the desired result, and that consequent suffering falls upon those dependent upon their exertions.

Inexperienced labor cannot speedily develop the resources of an agricultural country. When these resources are sensibly diminished, suffering ensues; when they fail, starvation results. Throughout the broad extent of the Southern States this diminution has occurred. In extensive districts, entire failure of agricultural returns for labor bestowed, has crushed the hopes and defeated the expectations of the impoverished residents.

With a noble independence that leaves no effort untried, their sons, at the plow, are stricken down by fierce midsummer heats. Their

accomplished and tenderly reared wives and daughters, at the washtub and milking pail, evidence the dignity of a true womanhood, which rises above the depressions of poverty, to be the faithful helpers of man. And yet, all these sacrifices, and all this heroic endurance, are unable to procure for them the necessaries of life.

Unskilled labor and unpropitious seasons have combined to diminish their harvests, until the bare necessaries of the most frugal provision for daily life are wanting.

If ever there was time for Christian philanthropy to expand into beneficial action, sure that time is now presented. If ever fitting exigency called upon the "liberal soul to devise liberal things," that exigency is now appealing to us. If ever large-hearted and generous profusion should undertake the alleviation of wide-spreading domestic distress, the occasion specified demands it now. No partial benefaction or individual exertion can reach and allay the pervading and continuing destitution. Combined and general and sustained effort alone can be expected to approach the necessity of the case.

Your Committee, therefore, would propose that each Minister in the Diocese be requested to bring this subject to the especial attention of his congregation, (either by a sermon before announced, or by a public meeting called for that purpose,) and that liberal aid be earnestly invoked in behalf of our suffering brethren of the South.

They, therefore, beg leave to present the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That each and every Clergyman, having any Parochial charge in the Diocese of Illinois, be requested, on the first Sunday in November, (twenty-first after Trinity—All Saints' Day,) to present to his Congregation the suffering condition of our brethren in the Southern States, and earnestly invoke liberal aid in their behalf.

Resolved, That collections made on such, or other occasions, for this purpose, be forwarded to the Bishop of this Diocese, to be distributed at his discretion for the relief contemplated in this Report.

F. W. Boyd, D. D.
C. P. Dorset.
D. W. Dresser.
G. R. Chittenden.
S. C. Judd.

The following Resolutions were moved and seconded:

Whereas, An organized effort is now being made to secure from the General Convention of the American Church an authorized translation of the Nicene Creed as set forth by undisputed General Councils, without addition or omission; therefore,

Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois hereby expresses its sympathy with this movement, as essential to the vindication of the American Church as an organic branch of the Holy Catholic Church, and to the inter-communion of the now separated parts of the One Body.

Resolved, That the Deputies to General Convention be instructed to present the above Resolution to that body.

On motion, they were laid upon the table.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed one thousand copies of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and send two copies to each of the members of the Convention, and one copy to every ten Communicants in each Parish, and the usual copies to the Bishops, Secretaries of the Convention, and periodicals of the Church; and that he cause to be printed five hundred extra copies of the Bishop's Address, in separate pamphlet form; and that every Clergyman in the Diocese be requested to read the same in his pulpit; and also, that the Secretary seek proposals from various printing offices for the printing of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and select from the same at his discretion.

On motion, the Convention took a further recess until half-past seven o'clock.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the BISHOP called the Convention to order.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected as the Endowment Fund Committee:

Mr. W. J. Barney,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden,
Mr. Samuel Gehr,
Mr. Geo. P. Lee,
Mr. A. E. Neely,
Mr. Chas. R. Steele,
Mr. Samuel Wilkinson.

The Special Committee upon that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Christian Education, asked to be continued.

On motion, the Convention went into an election for members of Standing Committee.

The Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., was appointed Inspector of Election on the Lay vote, in place of the Rev. J. TAYLOR CHAMBERS, absent.

Pending the result of the ballot, the following was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to set forth morning and evening Lessons for daily Services during Lent, from the Thursday succeeding Ash Wednesday to the Saturday preceeding the Sunday before Easter, and to authorize their use.

The Inspectors of Election for members of the Standing Committee being ready to declare the result of the ballot, just had, reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. T. G. Carver, D. D.,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
Mr. A. C. Calkins,
Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden,
Mr. H. C. Ranney.

One Clerical member yet remaining to be elected, on motion, the ballot was unanimously dispensed with, and the Rev. CLINTON LOCKE, D. D., was elected by acclamation.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for Deputies to the General Convention.

In the absence of the Inspectors of Election for Deputies to General Convention first named, the following were appointed:

CLERICAL VOTE.	LAY VOTE.
The Rev. Canon Street,	The Rev. S. Edson,
Mr. Francis C. Moore,	Mr. Geo. Gardner.

Pending the ballot, the following Memorial was presented, read and adopted by this Convention, and the Deputies to the General Convention instructed to present the same to that body:

A MEMORIAL.

TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES:

The Church, in the State of Illinois, assembled in Convention in the city of Chicago, with the Bishop, Clergy and Laity, do hereby respectfully represent:

First.—That the Episcopate is the Missionary order of the Church, and has been so, constitutionally, from the beginning; Bishops being not only successors of the Apostles, but themselves Apostles, the one Order having the direct and immediate commission and command to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. And that they were so called in the first ages, until at last the title Bishops (Episcopi or Overseers) belonging to the first two Orders in the Ministry was given to them, and the term Apostle was appropriated exclusively to the Twelve, is evident from the unanimous testimony of Christian antiquity. Bishops, therefore, as Apostles, are, and ought to

be leaders of the Church in every onward step of advance and progress; the pioneers of all our work in the conversion of the world to Christ; according to their name Apostles, the first sent forth into each new sphere of Christian Missionary enterprise.

And, furthermore, that it is evident that, from the earliest time, after the miraculous powers of the first band of the Apostles of Christ, those chosen by Himself, came to an end, the place for the Apostle or Bishop was in the city, as the centre of population, of wealth, of intelligence, and all progress of doctrine and propagation of ideas. And from the city the Episcopate was named—the Bishoprics of Rome, of Ephesus, of Corinth, not of Italy, Asia Minor, or Greece. And in the city was the Bishop's Church, or Cathedral—the mother Church of the whole Diocese—and the Bishop's residence at the centre of his work, the very focus of all influences whereby the propagation of the Gospel can be organized, pursued or facilitated.

The Church in Illinois being convinced that these facts are true, and that they make the only basis whereupon the Church can be organized so as to have her full power to do the work that God has placed before her in this great land. And that the English Reformation which takes the ground of Primitive Truth and Apostolic Order, the open Bible and Catholic Faith, and in England has been impeded by the domination of the State, is to be completed and consummated here only, in this land, in us the American Church, free alike from supremacy, whether of the Pope or of the State. And that such a Church only gives the hope of Christian unity once again to the whole Christian world, first in this land, and finally in all Christendom. And, therefore, that in every State, in every city, and in every village over this whole land, this holy Church should be organized and represented, manifesting to all people her Apostolic Order and Evangelical Truth. And all impediments to her progress which at present exist should be removed.

With these convictions, the Church of Illinois begs leave to call the attention of the Church, in General Convention assembled, to the Canonical legislation of the Fifth Article of the Constitution. This article was finally enacted so late as the year 1838. We have many provisos, and limitations, and restrictions, so that instead of being, as its title purports, an article for the "admission of new Dioceses," it has been actually an article to prevent the increase of the Episcopate, and hinder the erection of new Dioceses. So that by means of the obstructive legislation of this article, instead of the Church having at this time her Episcopate established and settled, the Apostles of the Gospel in the Church throughout the cities of this land, the Clergy and Laity of States the size of European kingdoms cannot place Bishops of the Church in many localities, even when endowments are ready and the Church in the whole State desire it.

The Church in Illinois, knowing that at the present time it would be greatly desirable to increase the Missionary work of the Church in this country by the erection of new Sees, and that it is only the unchurchly

and obstructive legislation of this Fifth Article that hinders this action upon her part, as it hath hitherto hindered Church progress in the United States, and especially in the great valley of the Mississippi, request the General Convention to repeal this Fifth Article, with all the restrictions that it imposes upon the increase of our Episcopate, in accordance with Primitive and Scriptural principles; or to so change and modify the same by such provisions as the wisdom of the Church in General Convention assembled may supply.

And this she suggests for the increase and progress of the Church over all this land, according to her Apostolic organization and Constitution, and the manifold necessities that lie upon her of expanding and growing with the growth of this great land, million peopled, extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific. And the more that all the statistics of commerce and population manifestly indicate that it is to be a land of great cities, many in number and populous, more than any country has been since the fall of the Roman Empire.

This measure she suggests, that the Reformation begun in England may here be completed by the universal spread of the Church founded upon the same principle, but free from the domination of the State. That the world may behold once more what it has not seen since the fatal days of the first Constantine, the Church equally free from the supremacy of Kings and Popes, standing forth with the Bible in her hand open to all her children, and the Catholic Creed, governed by the law of Christ, and guided by the Holy Spirit, pure and holy in principle and life; in every city in the land offering herself as a sure haven of refuge in this great storm of manifold and sincere, yet perplexed and agitated religious thought—having in every principal city her Apostle or Bishop, the embassador of the everlasting Gospel, the Bishop's Church, his Cathedral, the centre of all his work, religious, educational and benevolent, a blessed temple and heavenly home to which all eyes may turn, and in which all hearts may rejoice.

That these manifold blessings may be brought about, the Church in Illinois requests the repeal of the Fifth Article of the Constitution, and the enactment in its stead of a substitute based upon the principles above stated, and such other action as may be necessary for the more speedy erection and admission of new Dioceses.

The following was also presented, read and adopted:

WHEREAS, The title to the property known as St. Mary's School, Knoxville, is temporarily vested in the Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE, and,

WHEREAS, There are certain debts remaining upon that property and its furniture,

Resolved, That this Convention now stands ready to receive the title to the property in the names of its proper officers, and to make, as soon as possible, the necessary arrangements as to the indebtedness.

The Inspectors of Election for Deputies to the General Convention then reported the following as having

received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. S. Chase, D. D.,	Mr. Geo. P. Lee,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.,	Mr. L. B. Otis,
The Rev. W. H. Roberts,	Mr. D. W. Page,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,	Mr. S. H. Treat.

A ballot was next had for Supplementary Deputies to the General Convention.

The following having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, were declared elected:

The Rev. Edwin Coan,	Mr. John F. Beaty,
The Rev. Sidney Corbett,	Mr. Emory Cobb,
The Rev. D. W. Dresser,	Mr. W. W. De Wolf,
The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.,	Mr. Alex. G. Tyng.

The Convention next proceeded to the election of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary. The Inspectors of Election of the Clerical vote for Deputies to General Convention were appointed also on this ballot. They reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared duly elected:

The Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D., The Rev. John H. Knowles.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again on Friday morning, at nine o'clock.

FOURTH DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Friday, September 18th, A. D., 1868.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. PHILIP MCKIM, Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown. The Lessons were read by the Rev. Canon KNOWLES. The Creed and Opening Collects were said by the Rev. C. W. LEFFINGWELL, Rector of St. Mary's School, Knoxville, and the Litany by the Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Warsaw.

The Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

On motion, the reading of the Minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

A motion was made to reconsider the Resolution regarding the Printing of the Journal, for the purpose of reducing the number ordered and curtailing the expense incurred.

On motion, the subject was laid upon the table.

On motion, the following Resolution was presented and read:

Resolved, That, for the purpose of greater conformity to the long established usage of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, the Secretary of this Convention be directed in publishing the Journal of the Proceedings of the present session of this House to restore the words "Protestant Episcopal Church," omitted, without authority of this body, from the title page of the Journal of 1867.

After discussion, on motion, the whole subject was laid upon the table.

The Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE, Mr. A. G. TYNG and Mr. GEORGE P. LEE, the members of the Board of Missions, declining a re-election, on motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following were elected as the Board of Missions for ensuing year:

The Rev. T. G. Carver, D.D.,	Mr. Emory Cobb,
The Rev. C. A. Gilbert,	Mr. L. B. Otis,
The Rev. Edwin Coan,	Mr. H. C. Ranney.

On motion, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention expresses its sense of the earnest and heartfelt work of the Missionary Board of the Diocese during the past year, and trusts, by the blessing of God, that the energy thus infused will bring forth permanent fruits to the glory of God and advance of His Church; and the Convention regrets that, from any cause, the efficient members of that Board should be unable to continue to the Church their valued services in this department of her work.

On motion, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are gratefully tendered to Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE, for assuming personally the financial

obligations consequent upon receiving and securing to this Convention (with conditions) the property of St. Mary's School, Knoxville;

And also to Rev. C. W. LEFFINGWELL, for assuming the position of Principal of the same School, as a venture of faith, in the hope of thus forming a Diocesan School in Illinois.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the C., B. & Q. R. R., the C., A. & St. L. R. R., the C. & N. W. R. R., and the C., R. I. & P. R. R., in consideration of the commutation of fare made to the Lay Delegates.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with; and the Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., was elected Trustee of Jubilee College.

The following were appointed as the Examination Committee of Jubilee College:

The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.,	Mr. George Gardner,
The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D.,	Mr. J. H. Kedzie,
The Rev. W. H. Roberts,	Mr. E. H. Sheldon,
The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.,	Mr. S. H. Treat.

The Board of Education was appointed as follows:

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,	Mr. H. W. Hinsdale,
The Rev. C. A. Gilbert,	Mr. Wm. H. Wood,
The Rev. C. W. Leffingwell.	

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the following Sunday School Committee was elected by acclamation:

The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.,	Mr. George Gardner,
The Rev. W. H. Roberts,	Mr. H. C. Ranney,
The Rev. A. W. Snyder, B. D.	

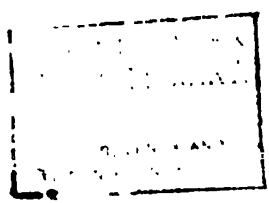
On motion, it was then

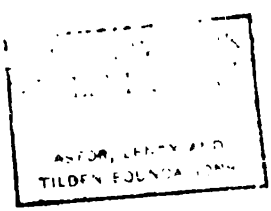
Resolved, That, after the usual religious exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The BISHOP then made a closing address, the *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung by the Convention, and, after prayers and the Episcopal Benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY JOHN WHITEHOUSE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES,
Secretary of Convention.

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REPORT OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer of the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois presents the following Report for the Conventional year 1867–8, as appears by his books and accounts on the 1st day of September, inst.:

This differs from all preceding reports, in that it shows all floating indebtedness fully paid up. In order, however, to show this, it has been necessary for the Treasurer to assume authority heretofore conferred by the Convention, after the report of its Finance Committee.

The Convention will please bear in mind that, for the last two years, the current receipts have been sufficient for the ordinary Diocesan expenses, and that no indebtedness would have been reported on its current expenses had all the receipts belonged to a common fund; but there being three distinct funds, created by Canon, the receipts from each are confined to the payment of its own debts. Of these, one is too large for its requirements under the existing legislation, and another is always too small to meet its obligations; and so the practice has been, by vote of the Convention, to transfer the surplus of the one fund to the credit of the other, in such degree as might be necessary. This has now been done by the Treasurer in advance, and for which he now asks the approbation of the Convention.

The Expenses of the Diocese have been—

Salaries	$2,275 00	
Missionary Stipends	7,725 84	
Contingent Expenses	2,397 17	
Total		$12,398 02
Then add amounts due at last Convention, page 67, Journal of 1867—		
Balance Episcopal Salary	$1,051 89	
" Interest to Oct. 1, 1867, on Bond	257 54	
" Missionary Stipends	875 85—	2,185 28
And the whole Floating Debt would be		$14,583 30
Then add balance of Bond		5,626 40
And the whole debt would amount to		20,209 70

INCOME has been as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

Special Assessment, 1864–5			$8 80
General " 1865–6			207 00
" " 1866–7			1,952 58
" " 1867–8			2,633 23
			$4,791 64

MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance from last year	$1,592 97	
Voluntary Contributions for General Missionary Purposes	6,676 41	
Voluntary Contributions for Designated Purposes	630 26	
		$8,899 64

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Receipts for Endowment Fund Committee's Report:		
Sept., 1867, less corrections made in same by transfers to the Diocesan Fund	$ 534 61	
Same for 1867–8, now incorporated into this Report—$498.93 less $9.50 expenses (net sum)	489 43	
		$1,024 04

CONTINGENT FUND.

Having no balance forward from last year, is dependent upon transfers from other funds, as will be hereafter seen.

Thus, total receipts are	$14,715 32

Aside from the Bond, the following exhibit will appear:

Receipts as above stated	$14,715 32	
Expenses " "	14,583 30	
Thus showing excess of receipts, over all floating indebtedness, of		$127 20

Thus showing that cash on hand at its commencement and current receipts have not only paid its current debts, but have cancelled all old indebtedness also; and besides has applied, as will appear in the cash exhibit, a small surplus to the extinguishment of the Bond.

The expenses will be seen to have largely increased during this year, in consequence of a largely increased amount of Church work. As an example, there has been this year in the field a Missionary Staff of twenty-eight Missionaries and two Colporteurs under pay, in the place of twenty last year—some of each year not having remained through the full term. The Stipends have also been increased quite considerably. The full Stipends would amount to $9,625. Owing, however, to quite numerous changes and consequent stoppages of Stipends and appointments later in the year, the amount actually has been:

For Missionary Clergy	$7,019 68	
For Colporteurs	706 14	
		$7,725 82

and are in detail as follows:

For the whole year—

One, being an Itinerant, and doing active duty as member of Missionary Board, for which an addition of $250.00 was made	$1,250 00	
One at	400 00	
One at	350 00	
One at	300 00	
Four at $250	1,000 00	
Eight at 200	1,600 00	
One at	150 00	
One at	100 00	

For part of year—

One at $500	312 45	
One at 375	328 12	
Two at 300	362 50	
Five at 200	749 96	
One at 100	75 00	
		$6,936 38
One Colporteur at $1,000	250 00	
One " at 900 and expenses	456 14—	706 14
Total		$7,642 52

The money has been applied as follows:

DIOCESAN FUND.

Paid Episcopal Salary, balance of 1866–7	$1,051 89	
Full Salary, 1867–8	2,000 00	
Transferred to Contingent Fund, including 10 per cent., as provided by ' [illegible]on and Exhausting Fund	1,739 72—	$4,791 61

MISSIONARY FUND.

Has been increased by the absorption of its proportion (½) of the Endowment Fund receipts for 1866–7	$ 267 30		
Same for 1867–8	244 71		
And thus making the whole fund $9,411.65. Expended as follows:			
Paid balance Stipends 1866–7	917 50		
" in full " 1867–8	6,978 03		
" " Colporteurs 1867–8	706 14		
" Designated Contributions	430 26		
" Ordinary Missionary Expenses..	106 53		
Transferred to Contingent Fund	24 83		
Overpaid Colporteur	3 86		
Leaving balance on hand	244 50	— $9,411	65
Of this balance $200 is a pledged sum, and in relation to which the action of the Convention will be asked.			

ENDOWMENT FUND.

This has been transferred, as per Resolution of Convention:			
One-half to Missionary Fund	512 01		
" to Contingent "	512 03	— $1,024	04
This last named, covering both the Sinking Fund and the payment on Bond, and the Receipts for the last and the current year being also included in this Report.			

CONTINGENT FUND.

Is created by absorption from the others as follows:			
Diocesan Fund	$1,739 72		
Missionary Fund	24 83		
Endowment Fund of 1866–7 and 1867–8...	512 03	— $2,276	58
And has been expended as follows:			
Paid sundry ordinary Expenses..	73 32		
" Printing Journal, Bishop's Address, and Reports of Sunday School Committee and Board of Missions	821 11		
" Salaries	275 00		
" Interest on Bonded Debt, balance to Oct. 1, 1867.. $257 54			
" Same in full to Oct. 1, 1868.. 337 58	— $595	12	
" Sinking Fund, 1866–7 $133 66			
" " " 1867–8 122 36	— $256	02	
" Account principal Bond and Exhausting Fund	256 01	— $2,276	58

The Contingent Expense will be seen to have largely increased. This is for two reasons:

1st. The increase in Church work in Diocesan capacity must always carry with it, as a necessary accompaniment, an increased expenditure; and,

2nd. During the past year some Parishes, or some individuals in Parishes, have made extra offerings for specified purposes, and have passed them through the ordinary channel of the Convention officers, and thus bringing them into the Diocesan accounts. These amounts are this year about $630, and have, to that extent, increased both the receipts and the payments.

It is much to be hoped that this idea may be fostered to a large extent, and thus, as far as may be, unite the Parish and the individual offerings in the broad stream of Diocesan action, thus establishing, to a greater extent, catholicity and unity, not only in our efforts, but also in our offerings.

Of this sum thus specifically offered for good works, $200 was from J. H. Kedzie, Esq., in fulfillment of his proposition made to the Convention of 1866, and to be found as a part of the proceedings of that year. This appropriation was made by him for the benefit of Church Building Funds at the Mission Stations of Augusta and Young America, and in response to a request of the Board of Missions for such help. Each place has, however, (it is believed,) failed, thus far, to comply with the condition precedent, insisted upon and forming a part of that proposition, and so long a time having intervened, Mr. Kedzie now claims to be equitably relieved from continuing the proposition in force after October 1, prox., and desires then, if matters are unchanged at those points, to withdraw and use the amounts for other Church purposes. The Treasurer asks the action of the Convention upon this matter.

Connected with the matter of Contingent Expenses is this further point, which needs legislation. This Fund is chargeable with all expenditures, except Bishop's salary and Missionaries' stipends, and the only means for its creation is by a deduction quarterly of ten per cent. from amounts paid upon Diocesan Fund. This latter Fund increases slowly every year, as is evidenced by the annual assessment upon the Parishes, but yet is entirely incompetent to furnish the necessary contingent means in the Canonical way.

The assessment for 1867-8 is the larger yet laid, and amounts to $4,136. Should this all be paid during the year, it would yield to the Contingent Fund only $413.60. This would not pay for printing the Journal of Proceedings, and leaving no provision for all the other expenses which must inevitably exist; and probably twenty per cent. of the amount will never be paid, thus reducing still more the Contingent Fund.

The practical mode of obviating this difficulty has been to allow the Treasurer to get along with the Contingent Expenses as best he might through the year, and then, by vote of Convention, to with-

draw and transfer from the Diocesan Fund such amount as might be necessary; but, should the Convention ever take action upon the amount of Episcopal salary by way of increase, then some additional means must be found to meet these Contingent Expenses.

The Missionary Stipends have been promptly paid upon quarter day, during this as well as the last year, and to this may, in a large degree, be attributed the confidence and success of the Missionary work during the two years. And yet there is great room for improvement in the Parishes, even in respect to this. During this year, care has been taken never to bankrupt the movement by expending faster than means were pledged; and yet, to such extent have the Parish pledges (in time) been unfulfilled, that the payments have not only consumed the receipts of the year, but have also reduced the balance with which the year started from $1,592.67 to $244.50. And still the worst feature is yet to come, for the *comparatively* prompt action upon the part of Parishes in remitting for the Missionary purposes, has apparently produced a corresponding neglect of the payment upon Diocesan Fund.

This meets with almost entire neglect. Very little was paid until the near approach of Convention compelled it, and it was not until about the 1st of September that the Treasurer was enabled to write a check for the amount of the whole year's salary.

A very serious fault exists in nearly all the Parishes in this respect, and without any good reason. It is much easier to pay quarterly than annually, and *then* justice is done by and to all; otherwise, injustice and even dishonesty is practiced by the non-conforming Parishes, and the rebuke, (louder than words,) which comes from the never asked for Episcopal salary falls unheeded upon careless ears and hearts.

The amount now due from the Diocese is confined to the Bonded Debt, which has been reduced by a payment of $256.01 of the principal. This amount was derived from the Diocesan Fund, and exhausted it. The present amount of the principal balance is $5,370.39, and for the payment of which a committee of this Body is taking action.

There remains due upon the various past assessments the following amounts:

General assessment	1862–3		$119 00
"	"	1863–4	99 00
"	"	1864–5	68 14
Special	"	1864–5	50 80
General	"	1865–6	420 40
"	"	1866–7	428 50
"	"	1867–8	1,261 88
Constituting a nominal asset to amount of			$2,447 72

but will not probably realize more than $1,500; the balance standing against Parishes declining to pay, or going off in remitted assessments.

The Treasurer last year asked instructions in reference to the Special Assessment of 1864–5.

Parishes are obtaining representation in Convention annually, who decline expressly to pay the same.

If it is a dead letter, it had best be revoked, so far as delinquents are concerned.

Remitted assessments for the past year amount to $627.10, of which $93 was by vote of last Convention, and the balance claimed under the reduced Assessment Clause of Canon XIV.

The cash receipts and expenses, as well as amount of payments from each Parish, and upon what account, and also the amounts due from each Parish, and upon what account, are herewith subjoined and form a part of this report.

The Expenditure and Indebtedness to be provided for is as follows:

Printing Journal, estimate	$650 00	
Diocesan Assessment for General Convention, est.	270 00	
		$ 920 00
Balance due on Bond		5,370 39
Total		$6,290 39

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. P. LEE,
Treasurer.

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer, in Account with Convention:*

1868—Sept. 1.	Dr.	
To balance of Missionary Fund from last year		$1,592 97
To Cash received from various Parishes on Assessments, as per schedule attached:		
Special Assessment, 1864–5...	$ 8 80	
General " 1865–6...	207 00	
" " 1866–7...	1,926 38	
" " 1867–8...	2,649 43	$4,791 61
To Cash, Missionary Fund, as per schedule attached, for—		
General Missionary purposes...	$6,676 47	
Designated purposes.....	630 26	
Endowment Fund Receipts, 1866–7, ½ amount...	267 30	
Same, 1867–8, ½ amount.....	244 71	$7,818 68
To Cash, Contingent Fund:		
Endowment Fund Receipts, 1866–7, ½ amount.....	267 31	
Same, 1867–8, ½ amount.....	244 72	$ 512 03

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By sundry payments, as per Cash receipts and vouchers:		
To Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D.,		
Balance Salary 1866–7.....		$1,051 89
Salary in full 1867–8.....		2,000 00
To various Missionaries, being balances of Stipends 1866–7:		
Rev. P. Arvedson.....	$ 75 00	
Rev. J. Bredberg.....	62 50	
Rev. W. H. Cooper.....	62 60	
Rev. C. B. Guillemont.....	50 00	
Rev. Jno. Portmess.....	37 50	
Rev. W. J. Pigott.....	50 00	
Rev. W. M. Reynolds, D. D..	50 00	
Rev. A. B. Russell.....	37 50	
Rev. R. Trewartha.....	37 50	
Rev. T. W. Mitchell, D. D...	8 35	
Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine.....	130 00	
Rev. J. S. McGowan.....	37 50	
Rev. C. A. Bruce.....	50 00	
Rev. J. A. Fitch.....	25 00	
Rev. Jno. Benson.....	50 00	
Rev. Philander Chase.....	62 50	
Rev. Wm. M. Steel.....	50 00	
Rev. J. A. Merrick, D. D.....	41 65	
		$917 50
By paid following named Missionaries in full their Stipends for 1867–8, viz.:		
Rev. P. Arvedson.....	$350 00	
Rev. Jacob Bredberg.....	250 00	
Rev. Wm. H. Cooper.....	250 00	
Rev. Jno. Portmess.....	200 00	
Rev. W. J. Pigott and E. De Wolf.....	200 00	
Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.	400 00	
Rev. R. Trewartha.....	200 00	
Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine, as Itinerant and Member of Board of Missions..	1,250 00	
Rev. Jas. S. McGowan.....	250 00	
Rev. Jno. A. Fitch..	100 00	
Rev. Jno. Benson.....	200 00	
Rev. Philander Chase.....	300 00	
Rev. Wm. M. Steel.....	250 00	

Rev. Philip McKim.....	$262 50	
Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D. D.	200 00	
Rev. C. B. Guillemont.....	200 00	
Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D...	75 00	
Rev. A. B. Russell.....	200 00	
Rev. C. A. Bruce.....	200 00	
Rev. Albert E. Wells.....	150 00	
Rev. Chas. Ritter.....	328 12	
Rev. T. N. Benedict.....	100 00	
Rev. C. G. Griswold.....	191 67	
Rev. W. Y. Johnson.....	191 67	
Rev. Albert W. Snyder.....	312 45	
Rev. P. A. Johnson.....	145 81	
Rev. C. W. Leffingwell.....	145 81	
Rev. J. A. Russell.....	75 00	
		$6,978 03
By paid following named Colporteurs in full their Salaries for 1867–8:		
Rev. E. De Wolf	250 00	
Thos. Clougher.....	456 14	
		$706 14
By paid for Missionary Contintingent Expense Account:		
Prayer Books, Street, Moore & Co.....	30 00	
Rev. E. De Wolf, two weeks' Colporteurage.....	33 33	
Rev. Dr. Reynolds, Expenses to attend Missionary Board Meeting.....	5 00	
Prayer Books for Aledo.....	7 20	
By paid Print'g Miss'n'y Pl'dg's.	10 50	
" Expenses Rev. W. Y. Johnson to Duquoin...	18 50	
" Colporteur's License to May 1.....	2 00	
" Rev. D. S. Phillips, for Momence Station, being "Designated Contribution.".....	100 00	
" to St. Mary's School, Knoxville, being Designated Contribution..	230 26	
" Same for same.....	100 00	
		$536 79

By paid for CONTINGENT EXPENSE Account:				
Paid Expressman, moving Convention Furniture.....	$2	50		
" Treasurer's Letter Book.....	3	25		
" Cathedral Sexton, per Convention vote.....	20	00		
" Secretary's Postage Bill.....	23	62		
" Rounds & James, on account printing Journal.....	500	00		
" Discount on Draft.....		25		
" Printing Circular.....	3	50		
" Printing Circular.....	3	25		
" Discount on Draft.....		50		
" Post Office and Stationery Bill, Treasurer.....	16	45		
" Rounds & James balance of printing Journal.....	321	11		
" Sinking Fund, 1866–7.....	133	66		
" Secretary's salary.....	125	00		
" Sinking Fund 1867–8.....	122	36		
" Assistant Treasurer's salary..	125	00		
" Balance interest on Bonded Debt to Oct. 1, 1867....	257	54		
" Same to Oct. 1, 1868.....	337	58		
" On account of Principal of Bonded Debt.....	256	01		
				$2,276 58
By am't overpaid Thos. Clougher on account his salary.....				3 86
By cash on hand to balance.....				244 50
			$14,715 29	$14,715 29

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer of Trustees of the Diocese of Illinois, in Account with the Same:*

1867.	DR.		
	To balance from last year.....	$	02
For moneys received from various Parishes, to wit:			
Nov. 29.—St. Thomas'.....Morris.....		3	25
Cathedral.....Chicago.....		37	50
St. James'.....Chicago.....		78	10
St. Mark's.....Evanston.....		5	10
" 30.—St. Stephen's.....Chicago.....		4	60
St. John's.....Decatur.....		3	00

Nov.	30.—St. Luke's	Dixon	5 28	
	Grace	Sterling	5 00	
Dec.	3.—St. John's	Algonquin	1 00	
	Christ Church	Chicago	18 80	
	Holy Trinity	Danville	3 00	
	Grace	Galena	7 75	
	Christ Church	Ottawa	14 35	
	Grace	Chicago	20 00	
"	4.—Trinity	Rock Island	4 00	
	St. Paul's	Peoria	24 00	
	Christ Church	Robin's Nest	2 60	
"	6.—St. John's	Albion	5 00	
"	9.—Trinity	Polo	2 00	
	St. Luke's	Dixon, additional	5 00	
"	12.—St. Paul's	Peru	2 00	
"	17.—St. Paul's	Alton	14 40	
	Christ Church	Waukegan	6 87	
"	21.—St. Paul's	Springfield	29 00	
"	24.—St. Paul's	Warsaw	3 50	
"	28.—Redeemer	Cairo	5 00	

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Jan.	31.—By paid amounts then received to the following named, being constituted beneficiaries of the fund by the Standing Committee :		
	Rev. C. P. Clark		100 00
	Rev. Benj. Hutchins		100 00
	Rev. Asa Griswold		100 00
	To following amounts received from—		
Mar.	16.—St. Peter's, Sycamore	3 00	
"	19.—St. John's, Naperville	5 00	
Aug.	19.—St. Mark's, Chicago	5 80	
	By amount in hand to balance		23 92
		$323 92	$323 92

Sept. 14.—Balance brought down $23 92

GEO. P. LEE,

Treasurer.

Digest of the Canons.

Title I. CANON 12.

General Regulations of Ministers and their Duties.

§ I. [1.] It is hereby required, that on the election of a Minister into any Church or Parish, the Vestry shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee of the Diocese, notice of the same, in the following form, or to this effect:—

"We, the Church Wardens, (*or, in case of an Assistant Minister*, We, the Rector and Church Wardens), do certify to the Right Rev. (*naming the Bishop*), or to the Rev. (*naming the President of the Standing Committee*), that (*naming the person*) has been duly chosen Rector (*or* Assistant Minister, *as the case may be*) of (*naming the Parish or Church*).

Which certificate shall be signed by the names of those who certify.

§ II. No Minister, removing from one Diocese or Missionary District to another, shall officiate as the Rector, Stated Minister, or Assistant Minister of any Parish or Congregation of the Diocese or District to which he removes, until he shall have obtained from the ecclesiastical authority a certificate in the words following:—

"I hereby certify that the Rev. A. B. has been canonically transferred to my jurisdiction, and is a Minister in regular standing."

Diocese of Illinois. CANON X.

Of the Settlement of Clergymen in Parishes.

§ 1. It shall be the duty of the Wardens of every Parish to give written notice to the Bishop, and, if there be no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, so soon as a vacancy shall occur in the pastoral charge of the same.

CANON XVI.

Of Vacant Parishes.

Whenever a parish shall have become vacant, and the Wardens shall have given the required notice thereof to the Bishop, he shall appoint those of the clergy in the Diocese, who can with most convenience discharge the duty, to supply such vacant parishes as have been reported to him, at such time as may be deemed convenient and proper. And at any Convention the clergy so appointed shall be called on for an account of the fulfillment of the duty, and to make a full report concerning the state of the parish which they have visited. It shall be the duty of such vacant parishes thus supplied to defray all of the expenses incident to such occasional services.

PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1868.

The principal statistics contained in the Reports will be found at one view in the Tabular Statement at the end.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS.

Reports from Parishes and Stations	90
From Clergymen without cure	13
Whole number of Reports	103

The comparative inspection of the Table of this year and of the two previous, will give the following results:

	1866.	1867.	1868.
Baptisms—Infants	746	796	1,072
Adults	169	160	279
Total	915	956	1,351
Confirmations	484	510	813.
Marriages	278	267	366
Burials	345	335	461
Communicants—Admitted	415	363	643
Received	301	317	513
Removed	343	404	385
Died	46	49	55
Present number	3,452	3,960	5,280
Sunday Schools—Teachers	586	670	880
Scholars	4,150	4,898	6,674
Contributions—Whole amount	$81,199.21	$111,175.85	$196,993.79

REPORTS.

Albion, St. John's. - - *The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins.*

Church Wardens—Bryan Walker, Wm. B. Tribe.

Baptisms—Infants, 14; Adults, 7; Total, 21.
Confirmed, 23. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10.
Communicants—Present Number, 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 7; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 46; Female, 50; Total, 96.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 2; Total, 16.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 40; Total, 92.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 20; Total, 72.
Sermons, 106.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$28 88	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$28 88
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	$ 3 00	
Endowment Fund.....	28 10	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	31 10
Total of Offerings.....		$59 98

The Minister officiating makes this report for the two reasons, that it embraces his own measure of services and that, otherwise, from the backwardness of Vestry action, no report whatever would be forthcoming. Imperfection marks the filling up of statistics, yet work has been done, notwithstanding. The writer is more disposed to labor than to talk or write much about it.

St. John's Church will do better, hereafter, in the matter of accounts, and, even, in assuming its proper position on the Convention floor. It must be remembered, however, that it is a frontier post, cut off from all railroad communication with the rest of the Diocese, and at a vast distance from the Church centre, Chicago. It is as poor as its Minister, and far more faithful amid adverse circumstances.

Algonquin, St. John's. - - *The Rev. Peter Arvedson.*

Church Wardens—James Kee, Wm. Estergren.

Families, 9; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls, 51.
Baptisms—Infants, 8; Adults, 7; Total, 15.
Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 1; Removed, 4.
Present Number, 21.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 6; Total, 58.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 5; Total, 57.
Sermons, 113. Lectures and other Addresses, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$11 60		
For Organ.....	62 45		
Towards Canceling Indebtedness on the Church.....	340 00		
Incidental Expenses—Light, &c...	25 00		
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$439	05
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions.....	$13 61		
Diocesan Fund.....	12 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	1 00		
Endowment Fund.....	7 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		33	61
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Total for General Purposes.....		2	50
Total of Offerings.....		$518	16

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

I beg to refer to the statistics as showing a marked increase of actual membership since the last Conventional Report, and also to the cheering fact that the indebtedness of the Parish, incurred in building their House of Worship, has so far been cancelled as to warrant the Consecration of the building, and thereby setting it apart for the especial purpose of Christian Worship. It has also been deeded in trust to the Bishop and his successors in office, in order to prevent its alienation, in any way, from the original purpose of its erection. Besides officiating in this Parish, as per statistics, and in St. James' Church, Dundee, as per report from that Parish, my labors have been extended to four different points in McHenry County, on week-day evenings, at the distance of nine, twenty-seven, thirty-one and thirty miles, respectively, two of them being district school houses, one a school house in the village of Bloom Mills, and the fourth point being Harvard Junction, on the Northwestern Railway. In these places, we humbly trust some good has been done, though in neither place can any permanent churchly relation by way of organization be immediately looked for. We have been comforted in our work by the words "Be not weary in well-doing; for, in due season, ye shall reap, if ye faint not." I have thus officiated fifteen times, and, if the Lord permit, a monthly week-day evening service will be held at each of these places during the Fall and Winter.

Alton, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Cornelius S. Abbott.

Church Warden—S. R. Dolbee, J. W. Schweppe.

Families, 64; Individuals not thus included, 21; Total of Souls, 289.
Baptisms—Infants, 30; Adults, 3; Total, 33.
Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 8. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 22; Removed, 9; Died, 1.
Present Number, 77.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 16; Total, 20.
Scholars: Male, 80; Female, 130; Total, 210.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 210.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total, 14.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 24; Total, 76.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 59; Total, 108.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 65.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 109 94		
Balance of Church Indebtedness	541 08		
Sunday School	233 40		
Other Parish Objects, about	2,700 00		
Total for Parish Purposes			$3,584 42
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$150 00		
Diocesan Fund	65 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	14 40		
Back Indebtedness to Episcopal Fund	100 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			329 40
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions	$42 19		
Foreign Missions	23 71		
P. E. Freedman's Commission	29 63		
Total for General Purposes			95 53
Total of Offerings			$4,009 35

The Rector is gratified at being able to report the Parish in a highly flourishing condition.

The burden of debt, which has so long pressed upon us, has been thrown entirely off our shoulders; and now, with a property that can in truth be said to belong to the Lord, a large accession to the number of Communicants, a Congregation increasing in numbers and interest, there is every reason to expect, under the Divine blessing, a career of marked prosperity for the Parish.

In the above Report there is included, under the item Sunday School, a Mission School, which has been in operation a little over a

year, established in the suburbs of the city; a work so important that, I doubt not, if properly cared for and managed, will, in a few years, result in the establishment of a new Parish.

Arcola, Christ. - - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Wardens—John Vellum, Charles Bradbury.

Families, 11; Individuals not thus included, 34; Total of Souls, 96.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 4; Died, 1.
Present Number, 15.

There has been no service at this place during the past year:
First.—Because we could get no place to worship in.
Secondly.—The members are not united.

Aurora, Trinity. - - - *The Rev. Stephen T. Allen.*

Church Wardens—Sidney B. Hawley, M. D., James C. James.

Families, 75; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 350.
Baptisms—Infants, 14; Adults, 6; Total, 20.
Confirmed, 25. Marriages, 8. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Amitted, 23; Received, 15; Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present Number, 60.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 7; Total, 13.
Scholars: Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 28; Other Days, 7; Total, 35.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 28; Other Days, 32; Total, 60.
Sermons, 60; Lectures and other Addresses, 28.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$25 56	
Rent of Hall and Incidental Expenses.....	450 00	
Sunday School.....	75 00	
Toward Paying for Church Lot...	475 00	
Sundries.....	23 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$1,048 56
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions	$76 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	56 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		$132 00

GENERAL PURPOSES—		
American Bible Society.....	$10 00	
Total for General Purposes....	———	$10 00
Total of Offerings.....		$1,190 56

This Report embraces only a portion of the year. The present Rector returned to this his former charge just before the beginning of Lent. We still worship in a hall, as being more convenient of location than our Church on the west side of the river. We have effected negotiations for a very eligible lot for a new Church, and look forward with hope to the time when we shall be again settled in a consecrated house of worship.

Belvidere, Trinity. - - - The Rev. W. H. Cooper.

Church Wardens—Nijah Hotchkiss, N. H. Merchant.

Families, 43; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 214.
Baptisms—Infants, 4.
Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 16.
Present number, 33.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 25; Total, 35.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 1; Total, 48.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 43.
Sermons, 89.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 5 56	
Painting, Repairing and Miscellaneous Expenses.....	284 79	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$290 35
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions..	$11 35	
Diocesan Fund.....	45 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	56 35
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Foreign Missions.....	$1 25	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	1 25
Total of Offerings		$347 95

This Parish has been without a Rector since January 27th, 1868. Regular services have, however, been held, principally by the Rev. JOHN CAUCH, of Marengo. At no time has this Parish been more in

need of a zealous, practical, working Rector, than at the present. Many of the former members of the Church are now ready and willing to rejoin us as soon as the Parish is in regular working order. The Vestry have improved the absence of a Rector by having the Church thoroughly repaired and painted, at an outlay of more than $200.00. The falling off in the number of Communicants is not all a loss of the present year, but owing to removals and errors in former reports; and, should we be able to obtain a suitable Rector, the prospects are for a large addition next year.

N. HOTCHKISS,
Senior Warden.

Bement, Atonement. - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 3; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 67.
Communicants—Removed, 2.
Present Number, 7.

The Congregation wish to be connected with St. John's Church, Decatur. The one-fourth of the Minister's support will be paid most cheerfully. I trust the Rector of St. John's Church, Decatur, will take charge of this interesting Parish, for whom I have labored long.

Bloomington, St. Matthew's. - *The Rev. T. N. Morrison.*

Church Wardens—Goodman Ferre, Alfred Ollis.

Families, 65; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total of Souls, 325.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 5; Total, 9.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 11; Received, 10; Removed, 2.
Present Number, 86.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 80; Total, 120.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 22; Other Days, 6; Total, 28.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 16; Other Days, 6; Total, 22.
Sermons, 38.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$29 25	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$29 25

DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$71 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	83 00	
Other Diocesan Purposes.....	32 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	$186 00
Total of Offerings.....		$215 25

The present Rector entered upon his duties in this Parish on the first Sunday after last Easter. The Report includes his own official acts only, as there is no record of any other. The statistics of Families, number of Souls, and of Communicants, are necessarily somewhat defective. A better acquaintance with the Parish would probably modify them in some respects, still they are very nearly correct. The Rector has a Bible Class of Adults, and catechises the Sunday School on the second Sunday of every month.

Bunker Hill, Christ. - - - The Rev. John Portmess.

Church Warden—Elijah Wells.

Families, 16.
Baptisms—Infants, 15; Adults, 9; Total, 24.
Marriages, 6. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Present Number, 26.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 14; Female, 21; Total, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$224 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$ 2 90	
Deanry Fund.....	15 75	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	18 65
Total of Offerings.....		$242 65

Besides my regular work at Bunker Hill and Gillespie, I have celebrated Divine Service at Woodbine, once; at Xenia, four times; at Flora, once; at Jerseyville, four times; at Carrolton, twice, and at Collinsville upon an average of once a month during the past year. At these various places I have baptized one adult and seven infants; celebrated four marriages and two funerals. P.

Cairo, Redeemer. - - - - *The Rev. James W. Coe.*

Church Wardens—H. H. Wardner, W. W. Thornton.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 18; Total of Souls, 240;
Baptisms—Infants, 12; Adults, 8; Total, 20.
Confirmed 17. Marriages, 4. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 18; Received, 20; Removed, 7; Died, 1.
Present Number, 60.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 12; Total, 16.
Scholars: Total, 150.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total 14.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 8; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 7; Total, 57.
Sermons, 98.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 60 92	
Sunday School Purposes.....	135 00	
Contingent Expenses.....	230 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$425 92
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$10 60	
Diocesan Fund.....	30 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	10 00	
Endowment Fund.....	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	60 60
Total of Offerings.....		$486 52

The Parish, I am happy to state, is, by the blessing of God, in a harmonious and flourishing condition.

Carlinville, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. D. W. Dresser.*

Church Wardens—Dr. M. H. Head, Jas. McIntyre.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 18; Total of Souls, 90.
Baptisms—Infants, 3; Adults, 3; Total, 6.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 6; Removed, 2.
Present Number, 27.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 22; Female, 24; Total, 46.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 27; Other Days, 8; Total, 35.

Evening Prayer—Sundays, 27; Other Days, 10; Total, 37.
Sermons, 35. Lectures and other Addresses, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$32 40	
To pay for Parsonage.....	59 21	
Books and Requisites for S. School.	32 06	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$123 67
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund, for two years.....	$33 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		33 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions, Sunday School Missionary Army.....	$3 85	
For Family of Rev. Mr. Albert, through Bishop Lay, (Sunday School Collection).....	1 75	
Total for General Purposes....		5 60
Total of Offerings.....		$162 27

The present Minister returned to this Parish on the 15th of February last, after an absence of about sixteen months. This Report, therefore, covers a period of only about seven months. The Parish is in tolerably good condition. It now has a comfortable Parsonage, as well as a Church—though neither is yet entirely finished. A Parish School is to be begun at the Parsonage September 21st (D. V.).

The Minister now has charge of this Parish only, with the privilege of using one Sunday each month for Missionary work. He catechises and addresses the Sunday School on nearly every Sunday.

Last year, there being no Minister, there was no Report, and no payment of assessment for Diocesan Fund. The $33.00 above reported is for the two years 1867–68. Little or nothing has been given for Missions, because of the above heavy draft upon the Parish, together with the pressure occasioned by the building of the Parsonage.

Centralia, St. John's. - - - *The Rev. P. A. Johnson.*

Church Wardens—J. A. Wakeman, M. D., J. Perry.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 54.
Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 1; Total 8.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, 15.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 20; Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 5; Catechumens, 20.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 35.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 4; Total, 29.
Sermons, 50; Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	$8 00
Total of Offerings.....	$8 00

The Parish at Centralia has been neglected so long that some of the people who have been connected with the Church do not show a great deal of interest. I have also visited Odin, several times, where there are a few families who have kindly welcomed our visits. I have also visited Carlyle, about fifteen miles from here, five or six times, with a great deal of pleasure. The field is large, here, and seems to be neglected. It is worthy the attention of the Missionary Committee. I have given up my charge.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. JOHNSON.

Chester, St. Mark's. - - The Rev. Robert Trewartha.

Church Wardens—John L. Edwards, Wm. R. Marlen.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 80.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; Adults, 1; Total, 7.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 28.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 27; Female, 10; Total, 37.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4; Catechumens, 12.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 34.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 34.
Sermons, 34. Lectures and other Addresses, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$26 65	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$26 65
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$20 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	28 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	48 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Total for General Purposes.....	———	31 70
Total of Offerings.....		$106 35

This Parish has been well called, by an eminent living Prelate, "The Model Parish." It is so, in every sense of the word. In it peace and good will, charity and good works, are memorials of its truth. A more kind and loving people, working together as one man for the defence of the Gospel, will be difficult to find. We are out of debt, owing no man, neither the Diocese, anything, but more love and greater energies for the well-being and prosperity of both. Our Sunday School is in successful operation, and hope it will continue and increase, to the great and lasting benefit both of teachers and children.

We would here acknowledge our heartfelt thanks to the "Female Prayer Book Society of Pennsylvania," for a grant of books; also, to the "New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society" for a like grant; as well, to John L. Edwards, Esq., of Chester, in presenting us a beautiful chandelier, in order to have evening Service; and to the ladies for a new linen Surplice to the Minister. Several persons are awaiting Confirmation. May God revive his work with us and throughout the world.

Chesterfield, St. Peter's. - - *The Rev. Joseph Adderly.*

Church Wardens—Thomas S. Gelder, Robert Oliver.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 59.
Baptisms—Infants 6; Adults, 1; Total, 7.
Confirmed, 3. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 2; Removed, 3; Died, 1.
Present Number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 14; Total, 26.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10, Other days, 3; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 23; Other Days, 14; Total, 37.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 23.
Sermons, 46; Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$8 50	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$188 50
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$12 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	3 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	15 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$3 53	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	3 53
Total of Offerings.....		$206 03

Besides these services at St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield, I have officiated at Waverly every third Sunday. Families, 4; Individuals not thus included, 5: Total, 18. Baptisms—Adults, 1. Communicants—Admitted, 1; Present Number, 6. Holy Communion—Sundays, 4. Morning Prayer—Sundays, 12; Evening Prayer—Sundays, 12. Sermons, 24.

I have officiated for the Congregation at Jerseyville five times, and celebrated the Holy Communion to nine persons.

Not having a Journal of the last Convention, I did not know what contributions were required by the Diocese. This will explain why they were not all made.

Chicago, Ascension. - *The Rev. Thos. G. Carver, D. D.*

Church Wardens—J. L. Watson, F. B. Peabody.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 52; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 18; Adults, 5; Total, 23.
Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 7. Burials, 9.
Communicants—Present Number, 80.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 16; Total, 22.
Scholars: Male, 75; Female, 125; Total, 200.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$220 00		
Offertory	557 71		
Pew Rents	4,090 89		
Special Collections	820 00		
Total for Parish Purposes			$5,688 60
Diocesan Purposes—			
Diocesan Missions	$33 25		
Diocesan Fund	80 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			$113 25
Total of Offerings			$5,791 85

The present Rector took charge of this Parish on the second Sunday after Christmas. At that time it was in a depressed condition. Since then, however, its condition has materially improved. Its finances have been put into manageable shape, the Sunday School has been largely increased, and the people evince a disposition to do all in their power to build up the Church of Christ. Located in a neighborhood which is rapidly improving, there is no doubt that in a short time, under the Divine blessing, this will become a strong Parish.

Chicago, Atonement. - - - The Rev. S. Russell Jones.

Church Wardens—Reuben Taylor, Alex. J. Chase.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 19; Total of Souls, 250.
Baptisms—Infants, 34; Adults, 23; Total, 57.
Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 9. Burials, 20.
Communicants—Died 4.
Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 11; Total, 16.
Scholars: Male, 65; Female, 124; Total, 189.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 3; Total, 18,
Private, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 53; Total, 101.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 88.
Sermons, 136. Lectures and other Addresses, 53.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 61 00	
Amount raised to pay on Church Debt.....	1,956 00	
Paid for Font.....	150 00	
For Furnace and Church enlargement.....	200 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$2,367 00
Total of Offerings.....		$2,367 00

The past year has been a hard one for this new Church enterprise. The Rector having purchased the Church in which services were held, and only having paid a small portion of the purchase money, it was necessary to appropriate all the income of the Parish to the liquidation of the debt. As a last effort, we raised over $400.00 on Easter Day last, and paid all our floating debts; but a few weeks only had passed when our Church was destroyed by fire. This was a dreadful misfortune for Minister and People. The Rector felt it impossible to work on two years more without salary, (comparatively,) but the people were full of hope, and at once set about rebuilding, and our new Church is now nearly ready for occupancy. Whole length, 125 feet; Nave, 34x60; Transepts, 34x60; Fore Chancel, 34x16; Chancel, 12x16.

We have also raised all the money immediately necessary, except some $2,000, which we hope soon ro realize.

On the whole, we have great reason to thank God that, although he has not sent us any external patronage, from the Missionary Society or otherwise, yet we have been enabled to regularly support the services of the Church, and with blessed results.

The Rector in addition to his regular work, has officiated at Harlem in the afternoons of three months in the past year.

On the whole, we are thankful for past blessing, and hopeful for the future.

Chicago, Calvary. - - - - The Rev. A. W. Snyder.

Church Wardens—Jas. J. White, Henry Pilcher.

Families, 40; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 350.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 4; Total, 20.
Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 7; Removed, 6.
Present Number, 38.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 10; Total, 15.
Scholars: Total, 105.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 33; Catechumens, 105.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 2; Total, 16.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 33; Other Days, 12; Total, 45.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 33; Other Days, 52; Total, 85.
Sermons, 80. Lectures and other Addresses, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 37 40	
For Parish Purposes.....	3,690 01	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$3,727 41
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$52 00	
General.....	10 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		62 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
For Missions.....	$ 51 86	
Theological Education.....	200 00	
Total for General Purposes.....		251 86
Total of Offerings.....		$4,091 27

Calvary became an organized Parish upon the Feast of the Epiphany, 1868 (January 6th). Its Rector began his duties, as such, February 1st, 1868. This will explain the small number of services reported. The Parish is, in every way, prosperous.

Chicago, Cathedral. The Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., &c.

Canons—The Rev. C. P. Dorset,
The Rev. J. H. Knowles,
The Rev. G. C. Street.

Families, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 53; Adults, 15: Total, 68.
Confirmed, 45. Marriages, 23. Burials, 32.
Communicants—Admitted, 50; Died, 2.
Present Number, 316.
Sunday School—Teachers, 40. Mission, 15.
Scholars, 300. Mission, 80.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, Every Sunday.
Catechumens, the Sunday School.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 52, and all Holy Days.
Private, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52: Other Days, Daily; Total, 366.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 63; Other Days, Daily; Total, 377.
Sermons, 135. Lectures and other Addresses, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

CATHEDRAL PURPOSES—			
General Expenses, Repairs, New Organ, &c., exclusive of Clerical Salaries	$6,336 00		
Sunday School Festivals and Expenses	690 65		
Total for Cathedral Purposes			$7,020 65
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$375 43		
Endowment Fund	31 20		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	37 50		
Calvary Church	25 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			459 13
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Church in the South	$71 23		
Church at Atlanta	24 24		
Total for General Purposes			95 47
Total of Offerings			$7,575 25

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER:

In addition to my regular services as Canon of the Cathedral, I have officiated in the various Parishes in the city of Chicago and elsewhere as follows:

St. James'—Preached three times and celebrated Holy Communion once. Ascension—Preached once. Grace—Preached once. St. Stephen's—Preached four times. Calvary—Preached three times and

baptized two children. Harlem — Preached twelve times and celebrated Holy Communion three times. Elgin — Preached three times, baptized nine children, and celebrated Holy Communion twice. La-Crosse, Wisconsin — Preached twice, celebrated Holy Communion once, baptized five children and married two couples.

I have also assisted at Missionary Convocations at the Cathedral, and at Algonquin, Dundee and Elgin.

Since the first of January, I have had Pastoral charge of the Mission on Desplaines street, where we have a flourishing Sunday School, in a rented room. We hope soon to have erected a suitable building for a Day School and Church services in that neglected district.

Obediently,

C. P. DORSET.

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER:

In addition to my regular duties at the Cathedral, I have ministered in the city of Chicago and elsewhere as follows:

Preached in Calvary Church, four times; Church of the Ascension, once; Epiphany, once; St. Stephen's, twice; Christ Church, Harlem, six times; St. John's, Naperville, once; St. Luke's, Racine, Wis., twice. In New York, I have also preached in Grace Church, the Church of the Transfiguration, and St. Alban's, besides officiating in Trinity Church and Trinity Chapel; also, took part in the Festival services at the re-opening of Holy Trinity, Toronto.

The duty of attending Missionary Convocations, enjoined by resolution of last Convention, has also been met, as far as possible. I have attended three—Naperville, Church of the Ascension and Aurora.

It is proper, also, to mention that during the past year I have answered calls made upon me for Pastoral work in each division of our city—officiating, in various relations, in almost every Parish, during the absence or indisposition of their respective Rectors.

Very respectfully yours,

September 10th, 1868. J. H. KNOWLES.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &c.,
Bishop of Illinois:

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR:

During the past Conventional year, I have officiated, on Sundays, in my place at the Cathedral, twenty-eight times, besides, occasionally, at the week-day services.

During the first half of the year, my duties in connection with the *American Churchman* newspaper took me, as usual, much from home, which afforded me the opportunity of officiating and Preaching as follows: Twice at Green Bay, Wis.; twice at Rochester, Minn.; once at Minneapolis, Minn.; once at LaCrosse, Wis.; twice at Christ Church, Indianapolis; twice at Sharon, Pa.; once at Oil City, Pa.; twice at

Williamsport, Pa.; three times at Maunch Chunk, Pa.; once at St. Clement's, Philadelpia; twice at St. Mark's, Philadelphhia; twice at Christ Church, Philadelphia; twice at Manheim, Pa.; four times at Lancaster, Pa.; twice at Germantown, Pa.; once at St. James the Less, Philadelphia; twice at Manyunk, Pa.; twice at Stephen's, Philadelphia; once at Trinity Church, New York; once at Grace Church, Brooklyn; once at the Church of the Incarnation, Philadelphia; once at Norristown, Pa.; once at the Monumental Church, Philadelphia. Besides which, I have officiated in the city of Chicago, in addition to the above: In the Church of the Holy Communion, once; in Trinity Church, four times; in the Church of the Ascension, eleven times; at St. James', five times; at Calvary, twice; at the Chapel of Our Saviour, twice; at Grace Church, twice; at St. Stephen's, once. I have also officiated in this Diocese at Waukegan, twice; at Kankakee, twice; at Belvidere, twice.

In the Diocese of Toronto, Canada, assisted at several services at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, besides, preaching in St. John's Church in the same city.

Officiated in the Cathedral on Sundays twenty-eight times, besides occasionally at the week-day services; and, in other Churches, seventy-seven times; baptized three children; officiated at five Funerals and at three Marriages.

All which I beg respectfully to submit.

GEORGE C. STREET.

Chicago, Christ. - - - *The Rev. Chas. Edward Cheney.*

Church Wardens—A. C. Calkins, George A. Sacket.

Families, 220; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total Souls, 1,000.
Baptisms—Infants, 50; Adults, 13; Total, 63.
Confirmed, 34. Marriages, 15. Burials, 18.
Communicants—Amitted, 35; Received, 40; Removed, 41; Died, 1.
Present Number, 204.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 10; Female, 30; Total, 40.
Scholars: Male, 160; Female, 190; Total, 350.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 15; Total, 67.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 45; Other Days, 29; Total, 74.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 42.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—

Alms at Holy Communion.. .....$	363 86
Collections in Church.	2,672 74
Debt of the Church Liquidated..	24,600 00

Sunday School	$ 200 00		
Pew Rental	9,500 00		
Total for Parish Purposes			$37,336 60
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$ 20 44		
Diocesan Fund	170 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	19 05		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			209 49
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions	$115 60		
Foreign Missions	129 00		
Evangelical Education Society	461 50		
Evangelical Knowledge Society	155 00		
Young Men's Christian Ass'n	69 00		
St. Luke's Hospital	221 32		
Total for General Purposes			1,151 42
Total of Offerings			$38,705 51

The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the Parish. Our Lenten Services were blessed by the Holy Spirit in the conversion of precious souls; our Sunday School has steadily grown in numbers and usefulness; and the attendance upon the Sunday services has only been limited by the capacity of the Church building.

On Easter Monday, our indebtedness of over $25,000 was provided for by the sale of pews, and early in the summer the Vestry inaugurated the work of an enlargement of the Church. The completion of the undertaking we look for in the month of October—adding sixty-five pews to the present number, and enabling us to seat over a thousand worshippers.

Chicago, Epiphany. - - - - *The Rev. R. F. Sweet.*

Church Wardens—D. W. Page, George Gardner.

Families, 51; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 160.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 2; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 34; Total, 49.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 22.
Sermons, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Total for Parish Purposes		$4,397 70
Total of Offerings		$4,397 70

This Parish was organized on Easter Monday of this year, from families in the vicinity of Jefferson Park. Services have been held since that time in the Presbyterian Church near the corner of Adams

and Throop streets every Sunday, the Clergy of the city kindly conducting the same until about the 1st of August, since which time the Rev. MARCH CHASE, Deacon, has been officiating. A Sunday School has been established, and is steadily increasing its numbers.

A lot has been purchased on the east side of Jefferson Park, and a Church is now being erected upon the same, which will be completed in the month of November, with capacity for seating four hundred persons, and which will cost about $9,000. A liberal subscription has been secured, and the prospects of the Parish are highly encouraging.

Chicago, Grace. - - . The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.

Church Wardens—H. W. Hinsdale, W. G. Hibbard.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total of Souls, 750.
Baptisms—Infants, 50; Adults, 6; Total, 56.
Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 26. Burials, 40.
Communicants—Admitted, 40; Removed, 29; Died, 1.
Present Number, 230.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; Female, 20; Total, 28.
Scholars: Total, 284.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 284.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 3; Total 16.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 20; Total, 72.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 64; Total, 112.
Sermons, 120. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 429 73		
Sunday School	600 00		
Other Parish Purposes	3,900 00		
Debt to Bishop	375 00		
Total for Parish Purposes			$5,304 73
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$ 300 00		
Diocesan Fund	220 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	46 24		
St. Luke's Hospital	2,948 10		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			3,514 34
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions, Nebraska	$110 87		
" " Nashotah	280 00		
Total for General Purposes			390 87
Total of Offerings			$9,209 94

The Parish is engaged in the construction of a very large and costly Church. It will be finished some time in the winter, and will cost about $120,000.00, including the lot. None of the contributions for that purpose are reported this year, as it was thought best to report them in one item next year. The state of the Parish is about the same as last year.

Chicago, Holy Communion. - - - ——— ———.

Church Wardens—Albert E. Neely, C. N. Shanly.

Families, 5; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 25.
Marriages, 2.
Communicants—Present number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 2; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 18; Total, 30.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 40; Catechumens, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 40.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20.
Sermons, 40.

This Parish has been without a Rector for something over two years past. During the past year services have been kept up chiefly by Lay reading. Lots have now been secured by purchase for the Church on Burnside street, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets (west of State street), and the Church building is now being removed thereto. As soon as the Church is located in its new quarters, the Parish will be reorganized and a Rector called, and as the field is a large one, it is hoped and believed that the Church in that locality will be a success.

ALBERT E. NEELY,
CHICAGO, Sept. 14, 1868. *Senior Warden.*

Chicago, Our Saviour. - - - *The Rev. Chas. Ritter.*

Church Wardens—Richard D. Van Wagenen, Franklin Hathaway.

Families, 13; Individuals not thus included, 4; Total of Souls, 72.
Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 1; Total, 8.
Confirmed, 4. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Present Number, 28.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 34; Total, 46.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 1; Total, 11.
Private, 1.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 14; Total, 56.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 9; Total, 51.
Sermons, 96.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
For the Poor.....	$32 92	
For Singing Books and Catechisms..	10 00	
For S. S. Christmas Anniversary...	24 42	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$67 34
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$4 50	
Diocesan Fund.....	6 96	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	10 86
Total of Offerings.....		$78 20

TO THE RT. REV. H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D., &c.:

In November, 1867, I took charge of this Missionary Station. On the 5th of January, 1868, the Parish was duly organized. The Report shows that but little progress has been made during the year. My best efforts remained fruitless, on account of unforeseen circumstances. Unless means for erecting a Church edifice can be obtained, we cannot anticipate a marked growth and progress in this new and feeble Parish.

Yours very truly, CHARLES RITTER.

Chicago, St. Ansgarius'. - - The Rev. Jacob Bredberg.

Church Wardens—P. G. Peterson, Andrew Larson.

Families, 106; Individuals not thus included, 120; Total of Souls, 474.
Baptisms—Infants, 66; Adults, 1; Total, 67.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 63. Burials, 43.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 70; Removed, 16; Died, 2.
Present Number, 285.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 30; Female, 20; Total, 50.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Private, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 68; Other Days, 6; Total, 74.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$13 68	
Diocesan Fund.....	40 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	$53 68
Total of Offerings.....		$53 68

The past year has been very prosperous. The members have increased, and the attendance on Divine Service has been very large. The Church has been refitted and rearranged to its interior, and galleries erected to accommodate those who were continually added to the Church. After the Bishop's visit to Sweden, two years ago, we have received not a few with special recommendations to the Bishops and Clergy of the Episcopal Church. The Rector has spent nearly $150 on poor emigrants imploring his aid, having been kindly assisted in this work of charity by collections from St. James' and Trinity Churches to an amount of $90. From the necessary reparation of the Church, there has been an indebtedness of $2,000, which will be a too heavy burden to this poor Parish, and a great drawback on its growth. The Sunday School is hard to keep up, for want of Teachers and necessary books and papers.

Chicago, St. James'. - - The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D.D.

Church Wardens—Tolman Wheeler, C. R. Larrabee.

Families, 185; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total Souls, 1,000.
Baptisms—Infants, 40; Adults, 4; Total, 44.
Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 15. Burials, 18.
Communicants—Admitted, 18; Received, 14; Removed, 6; Died, 1.
Present Number, 360.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 12; Female, 18; Total, 30.
Scholars: Total, 200.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 3; Total, 18.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 24; Total, 76.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 40; Total, 82.
Sermons, 90. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 786	84	
Parish Sunday School	418	15	
Subscriptions towards finishing the Parish Church	25,000	00	
Communion Linen, &c	182	00	
General Expenses and Repairs	6,772	00	
Total for Parish Purposes			$33,168 99
Diocesan Purposes—			
Diocesan Missions	$1,089	25	
Diocesan Fund	335	00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	78	10	
Poor Parishes within the Diocese	416	77	

St. Luke's Hospital.....	$659 60		
St. Mary's School, Knoxville.....	167 17		
Total for Diocesan Purposes..			$2,745 89
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Poor Parishes beyond the Diocese	$345 00		
Talbot Hall, Nebraska.....	372 09		
Evangelical Education Society.....	100 00		
Bible and Prayer Book Society...	118 00		
Total for General Purposes...			935 09
Total of Offerings.....			$36,849 97

The Parish is in a united and healthy condition. It is engaged in the heavy task of finishing the mother Church of Chicago at a probable cost of $50,000.00. When complete, the edifice will be an object of just pride to every friend of the Church in Illinois.

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*Chicago, St. John's. - - The Rev. H. N. Bishop, D.D.**

Church Wardens—Job Carpenter, C. H. Jordan.

Baptisms—Infants, 42; Adults, 12; Total, 54.
Confirmed, 26. Marriages, 21. Burials, 26.
Communicants—Admitted, 26; Removed, 33; Died, 2.
Present Number, 185.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 17; Female, 23; Total, 40.
Scholars: Total, 325.
Mission School—Teachers: Total, 18.
Scholars: Total, 175.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 500.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 15; Total, 67.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 41; Other Days, 25; Total, 66.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Church Lot.....	$3,000 00		
Sunday Schools.....	1,000 00		
Incidental Expenses.....	3,012 94		
Total for Parish Purposes.....			$7,012 94
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions..	$540 00		
Diocesan Fund.....	187 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	20 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes...			$747 00

* Died in Paris, August 31st, 1868. See page 21.

GENERAL PURPOSES—.

Domestic Missions—Collection for Mission Sunday School.....	$150 00	
Evangelical Knowledge Society...	157 24	
Evangelical Education Society.....	225 25	
St. Luke's Hospital.....	152 50	
Half Orphan Asylum.....	100 00	
Talbot Hall, Nebraska.....	19 68	
Bible Society.....	46 00	
Y. M. Christian Association.....	28 50	
Total for General Purposes.....		$879 17
Total of Offerings.....		$8,639 11

St. John's Parish still continues in a prosperous condition, notwithstanding many adverse circumstances. During the year, a new Parish has been formed in our immediate vicinity, which has detracted somewhat from our numbers, and, during the latter part of June, our much valued and ever faithful Rector, the Rev. Dr. BISHOP, tendered his resignation, to take effect October 1st, 1868, having received a call to St. John's Church, Cincinnati. With much reluctance, the Vestry finally accepted the resignation. Dr. Bishop then left for a short tour in England and on the Continent, prior to entering upon his new field of labor, sailing from New York City July 4th. After a very pleasant journey through England and Scotland, he crossed over to the Continent, and while in Switzerland was attacked with an illness which terminated in his death, at Paris, France, August 31st, 1868. During the absence of the Rector, the Vestry used all diligence to procure a successor, and finally decided to extend a call to the Rev. H. N. POWERS, D. D., late President of Griswold College, Davenport, Iowa, which has been accepted by Dr. POWERS, who will enter upon his duties on the first Sunday in November. During the absence of the Rector, there has been one service each Sunday, which has been unusually well attended.

Since making our last Annual Report, we have succeeded in clearing off the remaining incumbrance on our permanent Church lot—a beautiful location, one hundred feet front, facing Union Park, on which we hope, before many years, to see our permanent Church edifice erected.

During the year, the place of meeting of our Mission Sunday School has been changed from its old location, (in the fourth story of a building on Lake street,) to a Church building on Desplaines street, near Randolph; and, finding the accommodations insufficient, an addition has been erected, during the Summer, for the Infant Class, which adds greatly to the comfort and efficiency of the School, and we have much reason to rejoice over the work that is being accomplished here.

Chicago, St. Mark's. - - *The Rev. Henry W. Woods.*

Church Wardens—Chauncey T. Bowen, Frederick C. Smith.

Families, 40; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 217.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 2; Total, 6.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 10; Received, 30; Removed, 3.
Present Number, 74.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 9; Total, 14.
Scholars: Total, 75.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 11; Catechumens, 75.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 1; Total, 12.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 8; Total, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 15; Total, 55.
Sermons, 96. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 60 65		
Sunday Collections	119 81		
For Sunday School, &c	50 00		
On Church Edifice	967 93		
On Rectory	1,150 20		
Total for Parish Purposes		$2,348	59
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$ 6 63		
Diocesan Fund	37 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	5 80		
Total for Diocesan Purposes		49	43
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Donated by Rector for Relief of Suffering Clergy	$25 00		
Total for General Purposes		25	00
Total of Offerings		$2,423	02

The condition of the Parish has been steadily improving since the present Rector took charge, which was in November, 1867.

Chicago, Trinity. - - *The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A.B.*

Church Wardens—L. P. Hilliard, J. Wright.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total Souls, 1,000.
Baptisms—Infants, 11; Adults, 1; Total, 12.
Marriages, 8. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Present Number, 150.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; Female, 24; Total, 32.
Scholars: Male, 110; Female, 230; Total, 340.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12.
Private 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 1; Total, 53.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 8; Total, 60.
Sermons, 105. Lectures, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 420 00	
Other Parish Purposes	10,492 66	
Total for Parish Purposes		$10,912 66
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$194 01	
Diocesan Fund	150 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		344 01
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$256 00	
Other General Purposes	567 20	
Total for General Purposes		823 20
Total of Offerings		$12,079 87

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D., &c.:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR—The partial meagerness of the above Report is explained by the fact that though Trinity Church was kept open and the Sunday services regularly supplied through the Conventional year just expired, yet during the interregnum which occurred in the Rectorship, and which extended over several months, no Parish Record was kept. The statistical details consequently possess neither the fullness nor the accuracy which was to be desired.

With regard to the past four months, the period during which I have been in charge, I am glad to be able to report many symptoms of an improved state of things. The Congregation, which had been in a great measure broken up, is now reorganized; the Sunday Schools (Parish and Mission) have grown in numbers, and are supplied with a staff of willing and efficient Teachers, while the general interest in Church work has revived, and by means of the Parochial Societies and Committees about to be formed will, I have no doubt, be largely increased. There is an abundance of Parish material, but owing to the existence of some peculiarities in its composition, and the almost total absence, for many years past, of Parochial machinery, some time must elapse before lost ground can be recovered, or Trinity once more occupy her former advanced position.

I remain, Sir, Yours respectfully,

EDWARD SULLIVAN.

Collinsville, Christ. - - - -The Rev. John Portmess.

Church Warden—Jabez F. Clark.

Families, 11; Individuals not thus included, 22; Total of Souls, 75.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 1; Total, 5.
Confirmed 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Received, 1; Removed, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 14.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 4; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 14; Total, 24.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 2; Catechumens, 4.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1; Other Days, 1; Total 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 3.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 3; Other Days, 9; Total, 12.
Sermons, 15. Lectures and other Addresses, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 3 85	
Amount Contributed for Contingent and Charitable Purposes...	60 00	
Amount for Sabbath School.....	11 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$74 85
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$1 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	1 00
Total of Offerings.....		$75 85

For the Conventional year past, this Parish has been virtually vacant, the undersigned only making it occasional visits, chiefly on week-days, averaging once a month. As will be seen, the Parish is very weak, though an old one, chiefly caused by removals—the young people of the Parish almost invariably moving away as fast as they arrive at mature years. It is only by receiving extraneous aid, that they can hope to maintain the services of the Church.

Danville, Holy Trinity. - - - The Rev. E. J. Purdy.

Church Wardens—A. S. Williams, J. C. Winslow.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 120.
Baptisms—Infants, 17.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 24; Received, 14; Removed, 4; Died 1.
Present Number, 27.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars: Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8; Catechumens, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 84 89		
Sunday School.....	15 59		
....	305 00		
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———		$405 48
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions.....	$19 78		
Diocesan Fund.....	24 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	3 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———		46 78
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions.....	$15 00		
Total for General Purposes.....	———		15 00
Total of Offerings.....			$467 16

Decatur, St. John's. - - - - The Rev. S. D. Pulford.

Church Wardens—Cyril Fuller, R. J. Young.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 200.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Confirmed, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Removed, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 42.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 9; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 54; Total, 94.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 94.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52: Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 60; Total, 112.
Sermons, 106. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 25 85		
Contingent Expenses.....	43 20		
Sunday School.....	16 00		
Parsonage Fund	300 00		
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———		$385 05

DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	$3 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	$3 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$2 80	
Foreign Missions.....	2 50	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	5 30
Total of Offerings.....		$393 35

DeKalb, St. Alban's. - - - - - - - - - - *Vacant.*

Church Wardens—Ambrose Spencer, Isaac Johnson.

Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 2; Total, 7.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 1; Died 7; Present Number, 12.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
For Parish Purposes.....	$100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$100 00
Total of Offerings.....		$100 00

This Parish was organized on Easter Monday, 1868, and regular Sunday evening services have been held, through the attentive kindness of the Rev. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, of St. Peter's, Sycamore. These services have been well attended, and an awakening interest in the Church is manifest. The prospects of St. Alban's Parish are very hopeful, and the promises of the future look encouraging. We will make a strong effort the coming year to erect a Church edifice, but aid must be sought outside of our own limits, as we are poor and weak. There is a large number of English people living not far from this town who have been reared under the sound of the Church's voice, and who yet retain their respect for its teachings, whom a convenient and assured place for holding our services would induce a regular attendance from.

AMBROSE SPENCER, *Senior Warden.*

Dixon, St. Luke's. - - *The Rev. Wm. Henry Williams.*

Church Wardens—James K. Edsall, James Hawley.

Families, 45; Individuals not thus included, 29; Total of Souls, 140.
Baptisms—Infants 4; Adults, 2; Total, 6.

Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 1; Removed, 3; Died, 2.
Present Number, 46.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 6; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 40; Total, 60.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 8.
Holy Communion—Public, 13.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 22; Other Days, 2; Total, 24.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 32.
Sermons, 56. Lectures and other Addresses, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 97 15		
Contingent Expenses of Parish, &c.	308 98		
Amount Cash Collected to Purchase Lot	600 00		
Estimated Value of Lot Donated	300 00		
Balance of Endowment Fund, after deducting $47 to pay Diocesan Assessment	2 65		
Total for Parish Purposes			$1,308 78
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$112 50		
Diocesan Fund	47 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes			162 15
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Total for General Purposes			1,918 98
Total of Offerings			$2,389 81

I would report that I took charge of this Parish at Easter last, and have given the statistics accordingly. For several months previous to my acceptance, the Parish was without a Rector, and I find no official acts recorded.

Besides my regular Parochial duties, I have officiated every alternate Sunday afternoon at Grand Detour, and once at Amboy.

The present growth of the Parish is limited by the insufficiency of Church accommodation. It is purposed to build a new stone Church the coming Spring. A lot has been purchased, some liberal donations have been made, and a deep and growing interest felt for success.

Dundee, St. James'. - - - *The Rev. Peter Arvedson.*

Church Wardens—Samuel Wardlow, George Barnet.

Families, 14; Individuals not thus included, 2; Total of Souls, 65.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; Adults, 6; Total, 12.

Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 7; Present Number, 35.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 8; Female, 18; Total, 26.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 3; Total, 55.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 3 65	
Repairing the Church	231 00	
Incidentals	13 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$247 65
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$5 50	
Endowment Fund	2 60	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		8 11
Total of Offerings		$342 76

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

In this Parish we have been cheered by a healthy growth, we trust in every way. A Sunday School is in a fair way of being successfully established. The interior of the Church has been rearranged and refitted as well as our means would allow. That neither of the Parishes have stipulated any fixed sum towards the Minister's support, is because they have really done all they could in the way of providing the House of Worship. The Missionary begs to acknowledge the receipt of a donation of Theological works for the St. James' Parish from the Bishop White Library Association, upon the recommendation of the Bishop of the Diocese; also, kind and substantial tokens of interest in and sympathy with my work from a Church family in the city of Chicago, whose name I am not, I suppose, at liberty to mention, but which tokens have been remarkably well chosen as respects real use, and providentially well timed. We have been strengthened in our faith in the promise, "Trust in the Lord and be doing good; dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

PETER ARVEDSON.

Elgin, Redeemer. - - - - - - - ——— ———

Church Wardens—Jno. F. Beaty, Robert Vasey.

Families, 24; Individuals not thus included, 14; Total of Souls, 104.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 2; Total 6.
Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Received, 7: Removed, 3.
Present number, 32.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 1; Total, 3.
Scholars: Male, 13; Female, 16; Total, 29.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4; Catechumens, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 2; Total, 53.
Sermons, 107.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$18 50	
Alms at other times.....	97 01	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$115 01
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$31 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	27 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	58 00
Total of Offerings.....		$173 01

The Parish continues to grow in numbers and increase in strength. We have now secured a lot upon which to erect a Church, and we hope that before the meeting of the Convention of 1869 the Church will be completed, and we shall have a "fold" where it has been so much needed.

JOHN F. BEATY,
Lay Reader.

El Paso, St. Paul's. - - - - *The Rev. W. M. Steel.*

Families, 14; Individuals not thus included, 1; Total of Souls, 60.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Removed, 1; Present Number, 17.
Sunday School—Teachers: 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays 3.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 17.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 17; Other Days, 1; Total, 18.
Sermons, 30.

Besides the services at El Paso, I have officiated as follows:

Chenoa—Services, 30; Sermons, 28; Holy Communion, 1. Limestone—Services, 3; Sermons, 3; Baptism, 1 Infant. Bloomington—Services, 7; Sermons, 2; Marriage, 1; Burials, 1. Odell—Services, 3; Sermons, 3. Fairbury—Services, 2; Sermons, 2; Holy Communion, 1. Wilmington—Services, 2; Sermons, 2. Pekin—Sermons, 2. Peru—Services, 2; Sermons, 1. Peoria—Services, 1. Winona—Services, 2; Sermons, 1. Tremont—Burials, 1.

Evanston, St. Mark's. - - - *The Rev. Thomas Lyle.*

Church Wardens—C. Comstock, A. G. Wilder.

Families, 35; Individuals not thus included, 7; Total of Souls, 162.
Baptisms—Infants, 6.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 16; Removed, 4.
Present Number, 36.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 22; Female, 31; Total, 53.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 50.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 55; Other Days, 6; Total, 61.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 56; Other Days, 14; Total, 70.
Sermons, 110. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 11 47		
Sunday School Purposes	52 79		
Rector's Support, &c	1,670 00		
Enlargement of Church and Erection of Tower	1,225 00		
Current Expenses	115 00		
Total for Parish Purposes		$3,074	26
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$25 00		
Diocesan Fund	29 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	5 10		
Total for Diocesan Purposes		59	10
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Foreign Missions	$7 00		
Total for General Purposes		7	00
Total of Offerings		$3,140	36

The Parish is steadily growing in numbers, and increasing in strength. The Church edifice has been greatly enlarged and improved within the year, and a substantial bell-tower has been erected at the southeast corner, in which we expect very soon to place a properly-sized bell. Almost the entire cost of these improvements has been met by the Parishioners. The future of this youthful Parish seems full of promise.

Farmington, Calvary. - - - *The Rev. C. A. Bruce.*

Church Wardens—William Wilkinson, Sen., Lyman Warner.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls, 50.
Baptisms—Infants, 6.

Confirmed, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Present Number, 24.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 9; Female, 16; Total, 25.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 3; Total, 53.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 30.
Sermons, 80. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$44 37	
Sunday School Library.....	26 50	
Contingent.....	4 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$74 87
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$17 25	
Diocesan Fund.....	22 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	39 25
Total of Offerings.....		$114 12

This Parish is in a hopeful condition, though, from unfavorable circumstances, its progress and growth must be slow. Besides the services reported, I have officiated three times at Elmwood, six miles north, and where I think the services of the Church might be successfully held. I have also preached a number of times on the corner of the street in Farmington, on Sunday evenings, to large, quiet, and attentive audiences.

Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's. - *The Rev. Henry T. Hiester.*

Church Wardens—Beebe Clark, John Yocum.

Families, 24; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 130.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 5; Total, 7.
Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 6; Removed, 4; Present Number, 42.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 30; Female, 31; Total, 61.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 61.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 7; Total, 59.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 10; Other Days, 3; Total, 13.
Sermons, 69.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$56 48	
For Sunday School.....	15 00	
For Bonded Debt.....	98 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$169 48
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$34 10	
Diocesan Fund.....	40 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	74 10
Total of Offerings.....		$203 58

The $40 paid to the Diocesan Fund is included in the $56 collected on Communion Sundays, and therefore is not reckoned as a separate item in final summing up.

Freeport, Zion. - - - *The Rev. William J. Johnstone.*

Church Wardens—Thomas Webster, Daniel S. Brewster.

Families, 60; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Received, 6; Removed, 8; Died, 2.
Present Number, 66.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 11; Total, 15.
Scholars: Total, 70.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 3; Catechumens, 70.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 14.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 10; Other Days, 5; Total, 15.
Sermons, 24. Lectures and other Addresses, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$12 00	
For Sunday School Books.....	14 20	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$ 26 20
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$70 00	
Arrearage on Diocesan Fund.....	35 40	
Total for Diocesan Purposes....	———	105 40
Total of Offerings.....		$131 60

The report of religious services and contributions includes only the time the present Rector has had charge of the Parish—since Trinity Day.

Galena, Grace. - - - - - *The Rev. Samuel Edson.*

Church Wardens—Frederick Stahl, Richard Seal.

Families, 60; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 250.
Baptisms—Infants, 18; Adults, 2; Total, 20.
Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 7. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Removed, 2; Present Number, 84.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 12; Total, 14.
Scholars: Total, 104.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 39; Total, 88.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 8; Total, 57.
Sermons, 99. Lectures and other Addresses, 7.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 51 86	
Sunday Collections.....	141 00	
Sunday School Offerings.....	125 00	
Other Monies for Parochial Work.	100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$417 86
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$108 85	
Diocesan Fund.....	79 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	7 55	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		195 40
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$28 55	
For Relief of Southern Clergy.....	43 25	
Sunday School (at Easter), for Nashotah.....	15 30	
Society for Increase of Ministry..	7 50	
Total for General Purposes.....		96 60
Total of Offerings.....		$709 86

Galesburg, Grace. - - - *The Rev. F. W. Boyd, D.D.*

Total of Souls, 154.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 3; Total, 16.
Confirmed, 14. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 20; Present Number, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—	
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 7 90

Other Offerings.....	$55 83	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$63 73
Total of Offerings.....		$63 73

The undersigned respectfully reports to the Right Reverend, the BISHOP of Illinois, that he accepted the charge of Grace Church, Galesburg, and entered upon his work, as Rector, early in July last past.

Ignoring the past difficulties and troubles of that flock, and recognizing only present duty, he has sought to heal the divisions and strengthen the things that "remain and are ready to die." A hopeful energy characterizes the Parish. Dissention and strife have given place to union and peaceful labor for the Church. The Sunday School has increased and is increasing. A Bible Class for adult parishioners has been started, and promises to be useful. A sound and thorough exhibition of Church teaching and practice is eagerly accepted and acted on; and when time shall have ripened churchly practice into habit, a strong and vigorous Parish will be the result. Constant catechizing of the children in Sunday School and monthly exercise of the same "openly in the Church," I regard as the best means to this end.

F. W. BOYD.

Galva. ——. - - - - - - - *The Rev. J. A. Russell.*

Families, 7; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 40.
Confirmed, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 25; Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 3; Catechumens, 40.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 30.
Sermons, 30.

Geneseo, Trinity. - - - - *The Rev. Geo. C. Griswold.*

Church Wardens—Willis Hinman, Charles Cameron.

Families, 37; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 125.
Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 6; Total, 13.
Confirmed, 14. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 19; Received, 8; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 45.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 24; Total, 36.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 25; Catechumens, 36.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 3; Total, 14.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 15; Total, 64.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 6; Other Days, 20; Total, 26.
Sermons, 45. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$42 00	
Parish Reading Circle.....	75 00	
Sunday School and Tune Books....	52 00	
Parish Debt Paid.....	300 00	
Collections for Parish Purposes.....	25 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$484 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions..	$20 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	16 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	36 00
Total of Offerings.....		$520 00

When the present Rector took charge of this Parish, last October, it was in a very depressed condition, and there were enrolled only sixteen Communicants. By the Divine blessing, a great change has taken place. Services have been regularly held, and well attended. The principles and doctrines of the Church have been constantly reiterated and enforced. We have a good Sunday School, and the Scholars know, and are able to tell, what they believe. There have been severe impediments in the way of progress, and many things tending to dishearten the Rector; but, through all, we have steadily gained ground, and to-day the Parish is probably in a far more hopeful condition than it ever before has been. There is still great room for improvement, and ample occasion for earnest, faithful Church work.

During most of the year services have been held on the afternoon of Sunday at a Mission ten miles distant, where there are a few Church families, who are intending to secure the services of some Clergyman for the whole time next year, and to build a Church, for which latter object over a thousand dollars has already been subscribed. At the Mission, I have Baptized 11 Infants and solemnized 1 Marriage.

Our Report, both in point of increased membership and contributions for Parish purposes, gives some idea of the improved condition of affairs in this Parish. Male members are very few, but the ladies are active and earnest, striving so to conduct themselves that at last the Great Husbandman may utter in respect to each, "She hath done what she could."

Geneva, St. Mark's. - - - - The Rev. Wm. Greene.

Church Wardens—Frank Warren, B. F. Towner.

Families, 32; Total of Souls, 128.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Removed, 2; Present number, 25.

Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 10.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 37; Other Days, 14; Total, 51.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 37.

Last January, the present Rector took charge of the Parish, and has celebrated Divine Service regularly from that time to this. The consequence is the commencement of a Church building, the corner-stone of which was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese, on the 12th of August, and which we hope to see Consecrated before Christmas. There will then be a class duly prepared for Confirmation.

Since Easter, services have been held on Sunday afternoons at St. Charles, a town two miles from Geneva, where there is promise that a strong Parish may be established.

Gilman, Mission Station. - The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.

Families, 5; Individuals not thus included, 42; Total of Souls, 61.
Baptisms — Infants, 2.
Communicants — Received, 7; Present Number, 7.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 12.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 24. Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

We worship in Brasee's Hall, which we have rented for the purpose. We have the use of a Cabinet Organ, and the people are becoming more and more interested in the Church and its delightful service. By the blessing of the good Lord, we hope to build up a strong Parish.

Grand Detour, St. Peter's. - - The Rev. W. H. Williams.

Church Wardens — John Pankhurst, S. Pankhurst.

Families, 14.
Communicants — Present Number, 15.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 35; Total, 50.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 1.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 1.

Harlem, Christ. - - - The Rev. Alexander Fullerton.

Church Wardens — John S. Quick, John H. S. Quick.

Families, 19; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 110.
Baptisms — Infants, 13; Adults, 4; Total, 17.
Confirmed, 10. Burials, 1.

Communicants—Admitted, 9; Received, 1; Present Number, 37.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 29; Female, 34; Total, 63.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 2.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 1; Total 9.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 27; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 27; Total, 52.
Sermons, 51. Lectures and other Addresses, 24.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Towards Extinction of Debt.....	$107 00	
Expenses of Church.....	100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$207 00
Total of Offerings.....		$207 00

The above statistics include only the period of five and a half months. The contributions during the Conventional year were $657.67. This Parish, being partly of a Missionary character, has been unable to contribute for other than its own support, and its failure to receive the expected Stipend has occasioned great embarrassment. Yet there is much of encouragement in its growth and prospects, and its great advance in Church Music has now reached the point of two full Choral Services weekly, with the further promise of a surpliced Choir by September 13th.

Hyde Park, St. Paul's. - - - - ——— ———

Church Wardens—Allen Fiske, W. K. Ackerman.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 70.
Communicants—Present Number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 16; Total, 28.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 24.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
For Church Building—Subscribed, $5,000; Paid in.....	$3,000 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$3,000 00
Total of Offerings.....		$3,000 00

HYDE PARK, COOK COUNTY, ILL.,
September 12th, 1868.

RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR:

As Senior Warden, and at the instance of others, members of the Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Hyde Park (having no settled Rector), I beg leave to present a brief statement of the present condition and prospects of our Parish.

Since the resignation of the Rev. WM. H. COOPER, in the Autumn of 1863, we have had no stated place of public worship, and only an occasional service, until the first of June last, when, encouraged by the kind words and proffered assistance of our venerated Bishop and several of his worthy Presbyters in the city of Chicago, we procured the use of the lecture room in the public school house at Kenwood, and have, since then, had regular services therein every Sunday afternoon. These services have been conducted mainly by the gratuitous assistance of Clergymen from the city, and have been remarkably well attended—affording us great encouragement, and much gratification to those who so kindly conducted the services.

Thus encouraged, and having our hands still further strengthened by a conditional offer of $2,000 from a liberal minded Layman of Chicago, the Vestry, on the 14th of July last, took measures for the immediate erection of a suitable Church edifice upon the lots belonging to our Society. Subscriptions were at once started, and have resulted in a contract with a responsible builder to erect, forthwith, a beautiful little Church, which is estimated to cost, ultimately, about $10,000; something over half of which sum has been already subscribed.

Ground was broken for the building on the 7th inst., and we hope to have it ready for occupancy by Christmas; until which time, we expect to continue the services as at present. We hope and expect to complete the Church building without incurring any debt or incumbering our Church property; but, to do this, we shall be obliged to seek assistance largely outside of our own Parish.

We have a flourishing Sunday School, in which the children of the Parish are being trained up in the truths of Christianity and the lessons of the Catholic Church.

Very respectfully presented, Right Reverend Sir, by
Your obedient servant, ALLEN FISKE.

Joliet, Christ. - - - - - *The Rev. Charles A. Gilbert.*

Church Wardens—R. P. Denker, B. H. Cheney, M. D.

Families, 77; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 302.
Baptisms—Infants, 15; Adults, 4; Total, 19.
Confirmed 20. Marriages, 9. Burials, 7.

Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 13; Removed, 21.
Present Number, 108.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 7; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 19; Female, 56; Total, 75.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 75.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 12; Total, 64.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 12; Total, 64.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 63 05	
Sunday School.....	74 80	
Parish Purposes.....	1,661 66	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$1,799 51
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$61 07	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		61 07
Total of Offerings.....		$1,860 58

The "state of the Parish" is, in almost every respect, better than that of any preceding year. We have enlarged and improved the Church building, and received many accessions to the Congregation. A good Organ has been contracted for, at a cost of $1,500, and it is expected before the close of the month of September.

Kankakee, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Duane S. Phillips.

Church Wardens—William Sibley, Sr., Emory Cobb.

Families, 60; Individuals not thus included, 26; Total of Souls, 258.
Baptisms—Infants, 25; Adults, 5; Total, 30.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 15; Received, 14; Removed, 5; Died, 2.
Present Number, 63.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 9; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 59; Female, 58; Total, 117.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 117.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 10; Total, 59.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 64; Other Days, 46; Total, 110.
Sermons, 115. Lectures and other Addresses, 57.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$103 22	
Current Expenses for Music, Sexton, Fuel, &c.....	519 73	

Chandelier and Repairs	$ 229 80		
Sunday School Offerings,	132 89		
Easter Offering, to pay off the Church Debt	2,500 35		
Total for Parish Purposes		$3,485	99
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions	$112 60		
Diocesan Fund	41 00		
Mission at Momence	113 57		
Total for Diocesan Purposes		267	17
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
To the Family of late Rev. C. H. Albert, in response to Bishop Lay's Circular	$275 00		
Total for General Purposes		275	00
Total of Offerings		$4,023	16

The Church in Kankakee has been blessed of God the year past, both in things spiritual and temporal. The actual Communicants have increased fifty per cent., the services are well attended, and the Sunday School continues efficient. The Parish debt has been paid, and the Church edifice now awaits Consecration. By the Christian liberality of a noble-hearted Parishioner, a property has been purchased and fitted up, at a cost of about $6,000, for a Church School. The Rector of the Parish is the Rector of the School; and although it is not under the control of the Vestry, its influence for the Church will be fully equal to that of a Parish School. The buildings accommodate one hundred and twenty pupils. The School opened September 1st with a corps of six instructors and seventy pupils, with applications at once for nearly as many more as can be received.

During the year I have held services at Momence (thirteen miles east) as often as I have been able without omitting any service in the Church at home. We have now a Sunday School at Momence of seventy-five Scholars, which has assembled every Sunday since Advent—an average attendance of about one hundred on the services, and an interesting class ready for Confirmation. They now desire a resident Missionary, and pledge his support.

Kankakee Co., St. Anne. - - The Rev. C. B. Guillemont.

Church Wardens—Laurent Chaillé, Antoine Massé.

Families, 29; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 146.
Baptisms—Infants, 17.
Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 4: Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present number, 47.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 1; Total, 2.
Scholars: Male, 22; Female, 14; Total, 36.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 70.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 9; Total, 61.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 8; Other Days, 15; Total, 23.
Sermons, 65.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions.....	$5 25	
Total for General Purposes.....		5 25
Total of Offerings.....		$5 25

The Mission is in as good a condition as may be, hindered, as it is, by rivalry of sects and influence of parties. Those obstacles will soon pass away, we hope, and a new era will then succeed—happy and full of good results.

Our people have become better acquainted with the true Church, stronger in their Catholic belief and more faithful in the fulfilling of their Christian duties. The number who attend the Church services and present themselves regularly at the Lord's Table is nearly double the average of any preceding year. Since a few months, three of our families have removed to Dakota. God sent us some others to take their places.

We have around St. Anne two Sunday Stations, where we preach and catechise alternately, in the afternoon. People of all denominations like to come to hear the Word of God.

The pretty good crops of this year will enable our people, until now very poor, to contribute, hereafter, their small share for the wants of Diocesan and Domestic Missions. In thort, we thank God for the past and are ready to labor for more blessings in the future.

Kewanee, St. John's. - - - *The Rev. Wm. Thompson.*

Church Wardens—R. P. Parrish, Jeremiah Hopkins.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 265.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 9; Total, 25.
Confirmed, 30. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 28; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 76.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 8; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 60; Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 75.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52: Other Days, 16; Total, 68.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 52; Total, 104.
Sermons, 104. Lectures and other Addresses, 70.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Sunday School Library	$200 00	
Poor of the Parish	12 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$212 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$40 00	
Diocesan Fund	53 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		93 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$15 05	
Foreign Missions	41 11	
Total for General Purposes		56 16
Total of Offerings		$361 16

Knoxville, St. John's. - - The Rev. C. W. Leffingwell.

Church Wardens—John Babbington, J. J. Egan.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 85.
Baptisms—Infants 3; Adults, 10; Total, 13.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 11; Received, 9; Died, 1.
Present Number, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 1; Total, 11.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 2; Total, 27.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 20; Total, 60.
Sermons, 60. Lectures and other Addresses, 12.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 35 00	
Church Building, &c.	3,500 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$3,535 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$115 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		115 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions (South)	$12 00	
Education (Nashotah)	20 00	
Total for General Purposes		32 00
Total of Offerings		$3,682 00

The Parish at Knoxville, under the efficient labors of my predecessor, Rev. Mr. CHAMBERLAINE, Missionary in charge, has made great progress during the past year, and now gives promise of large growth and usefulness in the future.

The above Report may be regarded as almost entirely the result of his work here.

The opening of St. Mary's School in this place has, of course, swelled the number of Communicants and Parishioners, but has not, as yet, materially added to the financial results of the work.

Lacon, St. John's. - - *The Rev. James S. McGowan.*

Church Wardens—Frank Stire, L. C. Rose.

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total of Souls, 56.
Baptisms—Infants, 17; Adults, 4; Total, 21.
Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 6; Received, 5; Removed, 4; Died, 2.
Present Number, 18.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 13; Total, 25.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 5.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 17; Other Days, 1; Total, 18.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 53; Other Days, 3; Total, 56.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 58; Other Days, 8; Total, 66.
Sermons, 113.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 21 20	
For Sunday School.....	15 00	
For Parish Purposes.....	10 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$46 20
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$26 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	13 00	
Endowment Fund.....	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	44 00
Total of Offerings.....		$90 20

RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., LL. D.:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:—St. John's Church in Lacon is growing in strength and numbers. Two years ago the number of Communicants here was only two. We have now eighteen. The Parish is yet in its childhood; time will mature its strength.

My Missionary work at Henry is quite hopeful. We have at that place seventeen Communicants. A lot for a Church has been donated.

I hope to see a Church building upon it before the end of our next Conventional year. Trusting that my labor has not been in vain, I remain, Right Reverend and Dear Sir, your humble servant,

JAS. S. McGOWAN.

Lewistown, St. James'. - - - *The Rev. Philip McKim.*

Church Wardens—S. C. Judd, D. W. C. Bryant.

Families, 29; Individuals not thus included, 17; Total of Souls, 146.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 8; Total, 12.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 3 Died 1.
Present Number, 19.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 88; Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 37; Other Days, 40; Total, 77.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 37; Other Days, 9; Total, 46.
Sermons, 84. Lectures and other Addresses, 45.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 29 60		
S. S. Library, Books and Papers...	143 42		
Fuel, Lights, Repairs, &c.....	142 00		
Fence and Hardware.....	105 85		
Liquidation of Debt.....	2,000 00		
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$2,420	87
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions..	$38 45		
Diocesan Fund.....	16 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		54	45
Total of Offerings.....		$2,475	32

The present Rector took charge of the Parish in November of last year, so that this Report covers but ten months of the Conventional year. The condition of the Parish is considered healthy. The attendance on the public services have greatly increased. All the festivals and fasts of the Church are properly noticed. S. C. JUDD, Esq., has again manifested his liberality and Christian spirit towards the Parish by a donation of $2,000 towards relieving it of debt. The Vestry is putting forth an effort to pay off the balance of debt and procure a home for their Minister. We acknowledge the kindness of the Missionary Board of the Diocese, and hope a helping hand will still be extended to us, and, with the blessing of God, hope to return

in kind, at no very far distant day, all that has been lent us by the Board. A little help from abroad is needed to assist in liquidating our debt; this done, and we should then be able to help others in return.

Limestone, Christ. - - - *The Rev. Philander Chase.*

Church Wardens—James Clark, George Norwood.

Families, 17; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 75.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 2; Total, 15.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Died, 1; Present Number, 34.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 2; Total, 27.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 23.
Sermons, 50.

The inclosed Report is a summary of my own official acts. Besides, I have to explain that we have, by the assistance of the Senior Warden, been enabled to have the Church open for Divine Worship every Sunday morning. The Warden, Mr. CLARK, has also read the Funeral Service twice in my absence.

We have also kept up a regular afternoon service in a neighboring school-house, half time service being read by a Lay Reader. I regard the plan of officiating in the school-houses around the Church in the afternoons as the only way we have of reaching many who have not become sufficiently interested in the Church to attend, but who, when they become acquainted, will be regular attendants at the morning service in the Church.

Lockport, St. John's. - - *The Rev. W. H. Cooper, D. D.*

Church Wardens—John Griswold, Hiram Norton.

Families, 26; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 97.
Baptisms—Infants, 8.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Received, 2; Present Number, 35.
Sunday School—Teachers: Female, 7.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 25; Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 27; Other Days, 6; Total, 33.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 28; Other Days, 8; Total, 36.
Sermons, 67. Lectures and other Addresses, 19.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$35 77	
Repairs on Church and Parsonage..	156 14	
Church Improvements, etc.....	110 17	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$302 08
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$35 16	
Diocesan Fund.....	38 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	73 16
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$6 00	
Foreign Missions.....	1 50	
Evangelical Knowledge Society.....	15 00	
Church at Marseilles.....	5 00	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	27 50
Total of Offerings.....		$402 74

The services in this Parish had been suspended for a considerable period previously to my taking charge, in February of this year, since when they have been regularly carried on, with a goodly degree of interest. Numerically, the Parish is small; pecuniarily, it is better off than many of its size. The Church is an old and somewhat dilapidated edifice, needing greatly to be enlarged, or replaced by a new one. The Parsonage is small, but comfortable. Both Church and Parsonage have been improved since the present Rector's arrival, but need still further improvement in the way of painting, etc., which we hope, ere long, to accomplish. The Parish loves the truth, and is in perfect harmony, but cannot grow much until the improvements on the canal shall have been completed, which, it is expected, will give us a large increase of population. There had been no Sunday School for years, by reason of which many children have been lost to the Church. Although small, the school is quite an interesting one. It is supervised by the Rector. The undersigned has officiated to good Congregations at Lemont, and at Plainfield, and purposes to continue doing so occasionally.

W. H. COOPER.

Manhattan, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Samuel Cowell.

Church Wardens—John Young, Edward Crafts.

Families, 20; Total of Souls, 82.
Baptisms—Infants, 4.
Confirmed, 3. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Removed, 1; Present Number, 23.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Scholars: Total, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$3 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$22 45
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$15 37	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	15 37
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$12 05	
Foreign Missions.....	10 00	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	22 05
Total of Offerings.....		$59 87

Marengo, Advent. - - - - *The Rev. John Cauch.*

Baptisms—Infants, 1. Burials, 1.

This Parish, I regret to say, has, practically, given up its distinct organization. There are sixteen or eighteen Communicants in the neighborhood, but such is the discouragement caused by the loss of their Church building, and not having a place to hold services, that it seems impossible to get them to unite together. All my Ministerial Services in the Parish are included in one Infant Baptism and one Funeral.

Since the beginning of February last, I have officiated at Trinity Church, Belvidere, by the unanimous request of the Vestry—the Parish being without a Rector, where I have read prayers and preached forty-five times. I have also visited Shattuck's Grove, belonging to the same Parish, where I preached seven times.

Marseilles, St. Andrew's. - - *The Rev. Erastus De Wolf.*

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 60.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 7; Died, 1.
Present Number, 15.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 21; Other Days, 2; Total, 23.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 15; Other Days, 3; Total, 18.
Sermons, 37. Lectures and other Addresses, 9.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$5 65	
Total for Parish Purposes, including Church building....		$1,500 00
Total of Offerings.....		$1,500 00

The above Record dates from January 1st, 1868. Previous to that date the Mission was in charge of the Rev. E. COAN, of Ottawa. In consequence of the hall, in which we were holding services, having been rented last spring to a theatrical company, and fitted up with all the paraphernalia of the stage, we have been compelled—although few in numbers and poor in this world's goods—to build us a little Chapel. Owing to this circumstance, the Rector has been necessitated to be absent during the greater part of the summer soliciting aid among our more highly favored brethren. This will account for the paucity of services here, as above indicated. Everywhere he went, however, he has been preaching the Word—oftentimes in the absence of the Rector in charge.

I am happy to state that our neat little Chapel is now nearly completed, for which God be praised. The brethren who have kindly come to the relief of our necessities have our prayerful thanks.

Mendon, Zion. - - The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.

Church Wardens—Eli Banks, Samuel Heaney.

Families, 35; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total Souls, 156.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 38; Removed, 2; Died, 1.
Present Number, 35.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; Female, 6; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 34; Female, 52; Total, 86.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 23.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 46. Lectures and other Addresses, 13.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$15 00	
For an Organ.....	87 00	
For Sunday School.....	120 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$222 00

Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$40 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	40 00
Total of Offerings.....		$362 00

Up to the time of my taking charge of it, (Nov. 1, 1867,) this Parish had not had the services of a Rector for many years. There is no record of the administration of the Holy Communion for ten years preceding the date just given. An occasional service was given by the Rectors of Quincy, (eighteen miles distant,) and the Bishop made an annual visitation until within the last two years; but, for the two years preceding my visit, in October 1867, no service whatever had been held in the Parish; Lay reading had ceased; the Sunday School was dispersed. I found the people anxious for the restoration of Church privileges, but almost despairing of such an event. Encouraged by the Board of Missions, I took charge of them, giving them a service every other Sunday. The attendance at once became very good, limited only by the capacity of the little Church, which was soon unable to contain the people who pressed into it. A Sunday School was organized and has proved very efficient. An interesting class of Catechumens attended the lectures established for their benefit, and quite a number would have been Confirmed had not the Bishop been providentially prevented from making his visitation. In a word, there has been a most encouraging revival of Church-life in this Parish. The most urgent need now is that of an enlarged Church edifice, capable of containing the people who are pressing into it. A subscription has been started for this purpose, but as the Parish contains very few wealthy members, the amount is scarcely the half of what is called for by the circumstances of the case. With a Church edifice of suitable dimensions, we have every reason to believe that the Parish would soon become self-supporting, and exercise a most salutary influence in the region in which it is situated.

Mendota, St. John's. - - - *The Rev. J. A. Russell.*

Church Wardens——— Kealer, Asa Howes.

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 60.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Confirmed, 2. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 2; Removed, 2.
Present Number. 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 20; Total, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Private. 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 12.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 12.
Sermons, 24.

Mound City, St. Peter's. - *The Rev. Wm. Mitchell, M. D.*

Church Warden—Dr. H. Wardner.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 15 to 30; Total of Souls, 75.
Baptisms—Adults, 5. Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 2; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 3; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 16; Female, 14; Total, 30.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4; Catechumens, 15.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 5; Other Days, 1; Total, 6.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 5; Total, 30.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 14; Other Days, 4; Total, 18.
Lectures and other Addresses, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$9 90	
Collection in Sunday School.....	6 45	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$16 35
Total of Offerings.....		$16 35

The above is for four and a half months, up to the 31st of August.

The number of services not reported in St. Mark's Parish, Chester, Ill., are—Public Prayers and Sermons, 5; Infant Baptisms, 5; Holy Communion, 1; Burials, 1.

The number of Public Prayers and Sermons in Duquoin, Perry county, Ill., are—Sermons and Public Prayer, 20; Holy Communion, 4 times; Baptisms, Infants, 1; Marriages, 1. Assisted there in organizing Trinity Parish.

Naperville, St. John's. - *The Rev. J. Taylor Chambers.*

Church Wardens—S. P. Stevens, James G. Wright.

Families, 22; Individuals not thus included, 48; Total of Souls, 120.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 4; Total, 9.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Received, 2; Removed, 2.
Present Number, 44.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 9; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 29; Female, 42; Total, 71.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 71.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 17; Other Days, 2; Total, 19.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 44; Total, 88.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 53; Total, 99.
Sermons, 75. Lectures and other Addresses, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 28 25		
Building Fund.....	449 09		
Current Expenses.....	164 38		
Sunday School Offerings.....	76 14		
Prayer Book Fund.....	4 25		
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$722	11
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions.....	$31 59		
Diocesan Fund.....	39 00		
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	5 00		
Endowment Fund.....	30 82		
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		106	41
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions.....	$6 50		
Total for General Purposes....		6	50
Total of Offerings.....		$835	02

The present Rector took the oversight of the Parish November 15th, 1867, and held his first service the twenty-second Sunday after Trinity. Thus the above Report embraces a period of only ten months. Every Wednesday and Friday and all Holy Days are duly observed with service; extra appointments throughout Advent and Lent, and daily service and lecture during Holy Week.

The Holy Communion is administered on the first and third Sunday of each month (the latter at an early hour), and also on the Feast of Christmas, Easter, Ascension, Whitsunday and Trinity. All these services have been quite well attended, and a lively interest in the success of the Church is manifested.

The eleventh Sunday after Trinity the Rector held Missionary Service in a country school-house in Lisle township, some five or six miles from the Parish Church. Immediately after this service, the authorities of the Congregational house of worship in that neighborhood very kindly placed the use of said house at our disposal for service on the afternoon of Sundays. We thankfully accepted this generous offer, and it is our present intention to supply that neighborhood with Church Services twice a month.

Onarga, Trinity. - - - - *The Rev. Philander Chase.*

Church Warden—Horace Pinney.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 80.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 1; Total, 6.
Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.

Communicants—Admitted, 19; Received, 2; Removed, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 38.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Sermons, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—

Total for Parish Purposes.....	$1,860 00
Total of Offerings.....	$1,860 00

The most marked effort in the progress of this Parish is the completion of a Church and the opening of the same, not as yet by consecration, but by a class of seventeen presenting themselves for Confirmation before their Bishop, as the first and most appropriate rite to show to us all that the harvest is already ripe, and it only needs a little instruction and explanation, in connection with the earnest endeavors of those who seek the Lord and determine to build a temple to God's name, to bring in, Oh! how many, of those who desire to find that rest for their souls promised by our Saviour to all those who will come into His ark.

This Parish, situated 85 miles south of Chicago, and having the only Church building now erected between Kankakee and Cairo, a distance of 310 miles, on one of the principal railroads in the State, needs the services of a man of large soul, who will devise liberal things, and who can realize that, as he occupies one of the outposts in the grand army of the Church militant, his only safety wil be in keeping up a picket guard of outposts, by the aid of Lay Readers, if the order of Deacon can *never* be *revived*, who will go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that God's House may be full.

Ottawa, Christ. - - - - - - *The Rev. Edwin Coan.*

Church Wardens—Joseph W. Dow, William Osman.

Families, 75; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 350.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 1; Total, 14.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 6; Received, 3; Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present Number, 95.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 12; Total, 17.
Scholars: Total, 175.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Private, 4.

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Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 200; Total, 252.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 80; Other Days, 38; Total, 118.
Sermons, 132. Lectures and other Addresses, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 39 26	
General Parish Purposes.....	498 06	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$537 32
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$125 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	92 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	14 45	
Endowment Fund.....	15 65	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		247 10
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$10 00	
Total for General Purposes.....		10 00
Total of Offerings.....		$794 42

The resignation of the Rev. W. J. PIGOTT as Assistant Minister of the Parish took effect at Christmas, and the Rev. E. DEWOLF succeeded to his labors in the Parochial School at Ottawa, and in the charge of St. Andrew's Mission, at Marseilles. That Mission requiring Mr. DEWOLF's entire time and strength, he withdrew from the School at Easter, and has since devoted himself wholly to the growing demands of the Mission. The Parochial School, though it has suffered from frequent change of Teachers, still gives promise of permanent success and usefulness.

Beautiful designs by LLOYD have been received for the proposed new Church edifice, and the Vestry are maturing the necessary measures for its erection at the earliest possible day. We entertain the hope of laying a foundation this fall.

The report of services includes services rendered by the Rector at Marseilles and South Ottawa, as well as the ordinary Parochial Services, in which latter—particularly in the daily Morning Service—he has been largely aided by the Clergy whose names appear in this Report.

The Report of Contributions to Diocesan Missions includes amounts raised for St. Andrew's, Marseilles, but which were not remitted to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

Our recently appointed Lay Reader, Mr. A. P. BARNES, is conducting services at South Ottawa, with gratifying encouragement and success.

Pekin, St. Paul's. - - - - The Rev. A. B. Russell.

Church Wardens—William Stanberry, Wm. H. Medcalf, M. D.

Families, 52; Individuals not thus included, 4; Total of Souls, 208.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 1; Total, 17.
Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 1. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 23; Received, 7; Removed, 5. Died, 1.
Present Number, 59.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 10; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 35; Female, 45; Total, 80.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 28.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 3; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 53; Other Days, 11; Total, 64.
Sermons, 105.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 32 50	
Incidental Expenses	300 00	
Ladies Aid Society	275 00	
Interest on Lot	120 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$727 50
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$22 25	
Diocesan Fund	30 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	1 50	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		53 75
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$10 50	
Foreign Missions	1 50	
Total for General Purposes		12 00
Total of Offerings		$793 75

Peoria, St. John's. - - - - The Rev. John Benson.

Church Wardens—Henry I. Chase, Samuel Wilkinson.

Families, 22; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 121.
Baptisms—Infants, 15; Adults, 8; Total, 23.
Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 6; Removed, 6; Died. 1.
Present Number, 53.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 6; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 29; Total, 54.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 11.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 1.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 51; Total, 103.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 40; Total, 90.
Sermons, 64. Lectures and other Addresses, 46.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 29 00	
Sunday School Books, &c	68 00	
For General Purposes	956 35	
Total for Parish Purposes		$1,053 35
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$63 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		63 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$6 00	
Foreign Missions	8 00	
Church at Mankato	5 00	
Total for General Purposes		19 00
Total of Offerings		$1,135 35

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

The Mission of which I had charge under the Rector and Vestry of St. Paul's for one year showed such evidence of growth and prosperity that it was thought best to organize a Parish, which was done, with the kindly expressed consent of the Reverend Rector of St. Paul's and that of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, on the 9th of December, 1867. Since then the growth has been steady, and we think there are gratifying evidences of strength.

The building we worship in is rented, and has been made somewhat churchly in appearance by repairs and alterations. The seats are free, the expenses being defrayed by monies collected during the reading of the Offertory Sentences every Lord's Day morning. The envelope system has been adopted, as the one bringing the best results. The organization was completed during your absence in England, you having kindly intimated that such a proceeding would meet with your approbation. Respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOHN BENSON.

Peoria, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Warren H. Roberts.

Church Wardens—Alex. G. Tyng, M. Griswold.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 22; Adults, 9; Total, 31.
Confirmed, 24. Marriages, 4. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 20; Received, 5; Removed, 30.
Present Number, 175.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 8; Female, 13; Total, 21.
Scholars: Male, 75; Female, 100; Total, 175.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 30; Catechumens, 175.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 75; Total, 122.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 40; Total, 90.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 60.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 400 00	
Sunday School Collections	300 00	
For General Purposes in Parish	2,400 00	
Total for Parish Purposes		$3,100 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$725 00	
Diocesan Fund	180 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	24 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		929 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions	$25 00	
Foreign Missions	25 00	
Missions in Minnesota	40 00	
Other Objects	50 00	
Total for General Purposes		140 00
Total of Offerings		$4,169 00

This Parish still maintains itself in strength and vigor. It is a source of profound gratitude to the Rector that this Parish seems more and more willing to throw its strength into channels of distinctive Church work. The people are liberal to a large extent, and give freely to promote agencies of a missionary and churchly character within the city and suburbs.

Peru, St. Paul's. - - - - *The Rev. Albert E. Wells.*

Church Wardens—Naason Young, John T. Milling.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 100.
Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 1; Total, 8.
Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Removed, 4.
Present Number, 17.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 30; Total, 45.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 2; Total, 10.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 43; Other Days, 3; Total, 46.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 39; Other Days, 25; Total, 64.
Sermons, 85. Lectures and other Addresses, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$18 83	
Sunday School.....	30 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$48 83
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions..	$14 50	
Diocesan Fund.....	21 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	37 50
Total of Offerings.....		$86 33

There is great need that the Church should maintain services in this Parish and in the neighboring ones of Utica and La Salle, for in the three places there are faithful hearts that love the Holy Services, and many that would be won to a devout membership in the Church, if only they could feel that she would surely care for them.

I have held regular services at La Salle for over a year, and can bear testimony that the weakness there is more owing to neglect and disappointment than to prejudice or animosity against the Church; and if, indeed, the Church will take hold of these places, she will soon reap a reward for efficient work. I have resigned the charge, and can only hope and pray that some one may enter upon the work in these Parishes.

Polo, Trinity. - - - - *The Rev. William Y. Johnson.*

Church Wardens—J. R. Phelps, John J. Thompson.

Families, 29; Individuals not thus included, 30; Total of Souls, 146.
Baptisms—Infants, 3. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 21; Received, 4; Removed, 4; Died, 1.
Present Number, 21.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 7; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 41; Female, 54; Total, 95.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 10; Total, 60.
Sermons, 110.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 11 42	
Donation for Rector.....	100 00	
Sunday School.....	86 00	
Parish Aid.....	176 00	
Incidentals.....	100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$473 42
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$38 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	2 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	40 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
American Bible Society.....	$15 00	
Total for General Purposes....	———	15 00
Total of Offerings.....		$528 42

I only report the operations of the Parish since October, 1867. There have been some changes which have taken away some of our Communicants. Four have removed from the Parish; two have been gained by removal. There have been for several years four or five candidates for Confirmation, one of which died a few days ago, and has joined the Church Triumphant. Some of these candidates were admitted to the Holy Communion by a former Rector, and have been numbered among our regular Communicants. Our congregations are good, and we are steadily gathering in and increasing the number of those who listen to the Word of God. Prejudice is subsiding, and a favorable impression is being made upon the public mind; and many are learning to love our precious Liturgy who never before knew anything of its adaptability and sublimity. We are anxious to overcome our indebtedness to the Diocesan Fund, so as to be once more represented in Convention. The Parish has been so long without a Pastor that almost all its strength has vanished. Our prayer and hope is that the Divine Blessing may descend upon us so that we may hope that God's set time to favor Zion will come. W. Y. JOHNSON.

Princeton, Redeemer. - - - *The Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Church Wardens—T. M. Woodruff, Ferdinand Horton.

Families, 23; Individuals not thus included, 4; Total of Souls, 50.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; Adults, 1; Total, 2. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 2; Present Number, 21.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Total, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6;
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 48.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 42.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 20 00		
For Building Church.....	1,850 00		
Total for Parish Purposes.....	——	——	$1,870 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Fund.....	$10 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	——		10 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions.....	$7 00		
Total for General Purposes.....	——		7 00
Total of Offerings.....			$1,887 00

Our new Church is nearly completed. The Church and lot together have cost about $6,500. The Church will seat comfortably nearly three hundred people. It is greatly admired.

It has required a very arduous struggle for the little Church at Princeton to achieve what has already been accomplished. A brighter day seems now in store for it.

Quincy, St. John's. - - The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.

Church Wardens—Francis C. Moore, Henry A. Williamson.

Families, 100; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 31; Adults, 4; Total, 35.
Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 8. Burials, 11.
Communicants—Admitted, 18; Received, 2; Removed, 2; Died 2.
Present Number, 200.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 12; Female, 19; Total, 31.
Scholars: Total, 180.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 180.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 20; Total, 72.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 7; Total, 57.
Sermons and other Addresses, 100.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$230 00		
Incidental Expenses..	436 00		
Aid Industrial School.....	60 00		
Total for Parish Purposes.....	——		$726 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions.....	$600 29		
Diocesan Fund.....	163 00		

Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	$ 33 00	
Assessment to pay Bonded Debt...	593 20	
St. Mary's School, Knoxville.....	230 00	
Mendon Parish.....	125 00	
Parish at Marseilles.....	35 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		$1,779 49
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Nashotah	$100 00	
S. S. Union and Church B'k Soc'y	51 00	
Total for General Purposes.....		151 00
Total of Offerings.....		$2,656 49

Perhaps St. John's Parish was never in so healthy a condition as now. Our large and beautiful Church edifice is filled, and accessions from the sects are constantly augmenting our numbers. There are twenty-six places of worship in the city, but the Church leads off numerically and in benevolent receipts and disbursements. We have inaugurated an Industrial School, and, on Saturday afternoons, some two hundred girls from the by-ways and hedges congregate in a hired hall, where some of the most refined and cultivated of our ladies instruct them in sewing, and at the same time in religion. In addition to this, we have a Sunday Mission, composed of the Industrial Scholars, their brothers, and their parents. A good, conscientious Layman here reads our services—the children taking the responsive part. The members of St. John's Parish rejoiced exceedingly that our good Bishop was enabled, in July, to make them a longer visit than ever before. They were glad to meet him in private, to take him by the hand and to reassure him of their loyalty and of their filial affection.

Robin's Nest, Christ. - - The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.

Church Wardens—Joseph Mayo, William L. Moss.

Families, 19; Individuals not thus included, 60; Total of Souls, 155.
Baptisms—Infants, 7. Confirmed, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Removed, 2; Present Number, 86.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Total, 45.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 11; Total, 63.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 43; Other Days, 7; Total, 50.
Sermons, 59. Lectures and other Addresses, 47.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$37 36	
Sunday School Books and Papers...	16 92	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$54 28
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$65 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	37 40	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	2 60	
Church in Marseilles.....	35 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	140 10
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Education for Ministry.....	$15 00	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	15 00
Total of Offerings.....		$209 38

Rockford, Emmanuel. - - - The Rev. J. E. Walton.

Church Wardens—R. P. Lane, M. D., W. G. King.

Families, 80; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 440.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 2; Total, 18.
Confirmed 14. Marriages, 7. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 75.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 10; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 45; Female, 50; Total, 95.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 3.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 1; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 12; Total, 60.
Sermons, 100. Lectures and other Addresses, 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 76 53	
Easter Offerings.....	14 98	
Sunday Collections.....	200 00	
For Furnishing Church.....	500 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$791 51
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$48 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	67 00	
Endowment Fund.....	2 80	
Total for Diocesan Purposes....	———	117 80

GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Foreign Missions.....	$30 25	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	$30 25
Total of Offerings.....		$939 56

The Parish is in a flourishing condition. During the past year have added one-third to the capacity of the Church, which is but little more than the present necessities of the Parish require, the total cost of which is about $1,500.

Rock Island, Trinity. - The Rev. Horatio N. Powers, D.D.

Church Wardens—Wm. B. Grenell, Richard Crampton.

Families, 43; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 154.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 2; Total, 15.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 8; Removed, 2; Present number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 10; Total, 15.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 60; Total, 85.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 85.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 10.
Sermons, 62. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$64 15	
Sunday School Books and Papers..	27 75	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$91 90
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$100 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	36 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy.....	3 35	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	139 35
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$ 8 56	
Foreign Missions.....	25 00	
Christmas Collection in Aid of Needy Clergymen at the South..	16 90	
Total for General Purposes..	———	50 46
Total of Offerings.....		$281 71

I assumed the Rectorship of this Parish August 1st, 1868. For about four years previous to this date, the Church had been supplied

by the Rev. Prof. R. D. Brooke of Griswold College, Iowa; through whose efficient labors it continually improved from the low state in which he found it.

We are now engaged in building a handsome and commodious Church edifice, in the Gothic style, in a pleasant part of the city. Preparations are also under way for erecting a fine stone Church in the flourishing town of Moline, where there is the promise of a prosperous Parish. It is expected that both these structures will be entirely finished during the next Conventional year. My work here is encouraging.

Salem, St. Thomas' - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Warden—Robert H. Whittaker.

Families, 4; Individuals not thus included, 42; Total of Souls, 72.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 2; Present Number, 3.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$4 70	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$4 70
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$5 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		5 00
General Purposes—		
Domestic Missions.....	$1 60	
Total for General Purposes.....		1 60
Total of Offerings.....		$11 30

Our greatest difficulty is in getting a suitable place in which to worship. The few members remaining are faithful and true. We have some funds for the Church, which we hope to build as soon as we are able to do it with safety.

Sidney, Mission Station. - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 2; Individuals not thus included, 41; Total of Souls, 52.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Received, 6; Present Number, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 14. Evening Prayer—Sundays, 14.
Sermons, 28. Lectures and other Addresses, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$4 55	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	——	$4 55
Total of Offerings.....		$4 55

We have secured the use of the Baptist Meeting-house in which to worship. The congregation is increasing in number, and in a correct use of the "Prayer Book." The Responsive Service is becoming highly interesting. The Sunday School for the present is Union, but we will soon have one of our own.

Springfield, St. Paul's. - *The Rev. Wm. F. B. Jackson.*

Church Wardens—S. H. Treat, R. P. Johnston.

Families, 73; Individuals not thus included, 450; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 43; Adults, 5; Total, 48.
Confirmed, 16. Marriages, 14. Burials, 22.
Communicants—Admitted, 16; Received, 14; Removed, 15; Died, 6.
Present Number, 178.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 4; Total, 16.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 16; Total, 68.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 7; Total, 59.
Sermons, 106. Lectures and other Addresses, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—			
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 212 17		
General Parish Purposes.....	4,673 58		
Special Gift.....	700 00		
Total for Parish Purposes.....	——	$5,585 75	
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—			
Diocesan Missions.....	$600 60		
Diocesan Fund.....	169 00		
Church in Marseilles.....	50 00		
St. Luke's Hospital.....	100 00		
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	——	819 60	
GENERAL PURPOSES—			
Domestic Missions.....	$500 00		
Special for Nebraska.....	100 00		
Special for Florida.....	100 00		
Church Book Society.....	68 70		

The Southern Clergy	$130 00	
Total for General Purposes.....	———	$898 70
Total of Offerings.....		$7,404 05

During the past year, the Parish has sustained a grievous loss in the death of Mr. ANTRIM CAMPBELL, for many years our Junior Warden. In his character, many rare qualities were blended, and conspicuous among them was that large-hearted charity which moved its possessor to "go about doing good" to all who sorrowed or suffered. Having at heart the best interests of the Parish, and forwarding them with an earnest devotion, the memory of his counsels and his works will long be fragrant among us. To him, the Parish is indebted for the Special Gift of seven hundred dollars mentioned in the Offerings, and to him must also be credited the Offerings for Domestic Missions, for Florida and Nebraska, for the Church in Marseilles, Ill., and for St. Luke's Hospital.

The Rector also desires to call attention to the Parish and Sunday School Library, for which we are mainly indebted to the exertions of an earnest member of the Vestry. It comprises nearly eight hundred volumes of carefully selected books, everything being carefully eliminated which militates against sound churchly teaching, and its good influence is already felt, not only in the Parish, but in the community at large.

Sterling, Grace. - - - - - *The Rev. John Gierlow.*

Church Wardens—Gabriel Davis, Lorenzo Hapgood.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 14; Total of Souls, 200.
Baptisms—Infants, 18; Adults, 3; Total, 21.
Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 3. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 5; Removed, 3; Died, 1.
Present Number, 48.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 7; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 32: Female, 43; Total, 75.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 54; Other Days, 18; Total, 72.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 54; Other Days, 6; Total, 60.
Sermons, 108. Lectures and other Addresses, 34.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 75 55	
Sunday School Purposes.....	90 00	
Sewing Machine for Poor.....	49 00	
Incidental Expenses.....	760 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$874 55

DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$ 55 00	
Diocesan Fund	45 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	5 50	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		$105 50
Total of Offerings		$979 55

In a rural district, where prejudices are strong, and the influx of population is slow, the Church does not make rapid progress. A debt of $5,000 has its depressing influences, and retards our prosperity. But, as our "rising generation" is quite numerous, we may hopefully look forward to happier times, ever trusting in the sure promises of God.

Sycamore, St. Peter's. - The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D.D.

Church Wardens—E. G. Wheaton, F. A. Partridge.

Families, 39; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 147.
Baptisms—Infants, 17; Adults, 4; Total, 21.
Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 3. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Received, 9; Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present Number, 39.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 8; Total, 11.
Scholars: Total, 50.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 24; Catechumens, 50.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 65; Other Days, 16; Total, 81.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 65; Other Days, 16; Total, 81.
Sermons, 140.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$ 85 08	
Social Fund	399 73	
Sunday School Library	25 00	
Sunday School Collections	39 12	
Total for Parish Purposes		$548 93
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions	$28 00	
Diocesan Fund	35 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund	3 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes		66 00
Total of Offerings		$614 93

This Report is brought down to the 1st of September. The Congregations are steady and attentive, and the Parish is in a better working

condition than ever before. Its current income comes nearer meeting its current expenses. The debt, upon which interest was paid semi-annually at ten per cent., is reduced to one hundred dollars, and will be paid off in a few months. There are nine Communicants in the adjacent County known to the Rector as sometimes communing here, but they are not reported above, as not coming within the number of those who are properly the basis of assessment.

In connection with St. Peter's, services are held every Sunday afternoon at DeKalb, some five miles away, with encouraging results. A Parish has been organized, and will apply for admission into union with the Convention at its present session. With a Church edifice, they would soon become a self-sustaining Congregation, but to enable them to build they must have large assistance from abroad. There have been six Baptisms, two Confirmed, one Buried, which, with the services and sermons, are reported above. There are twelve Communicants not reported.

Tiskilwa, St. Jude's. - - - - *The Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Church Wardens—Oliver Milling, John Wilkins, M. D.

Families, 32; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 175.
Baptisms—Infants, 10; Adults, 1; Total, 11.
Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Removed, 3; Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 7; Total, 11.
Scholars: Total, 80.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 2; Total, 8.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 3; Total, 47.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 30. Lectures and other Addresses, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 25 00	
Paying Church Debt.....	1,050 00	
S. School and Parochial Purposes...	100 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$1,175 00
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$43 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	50 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		93 00
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$17 00	
Total for General Purposes....		17 00
Total of Offerings.....		$1,285 00

The Congregation of St. Jude's Church is increasing, and the prospect for future growth quite encouraging.

Warsaw, St. Paul's. - The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D.D.

Church Wardens—Pierre A. Barker, John W. Marsh.

Families, 31; Individuals not thus included, 24; Total of Souls, 150.
Baptisms—Adults, 6. Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 13; Received, 8; Removed, 2; Died, 2.
Present Number, 26.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 32; Total, 52.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8; Catechumens, 25.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 2; Total, 8.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 4; Total, 29.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 50; Total, 75.
Sermons, 50. Lectures and other Addresses, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion	$30 85	
Easter Offering (for Sunday School)	8 30	
For Sunday School..	29 70	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$68 85
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$11 00	
Diocesan Fund.....	24 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	5 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	$40 00
Total of Offerings.....		$108 85

The Parish has been considerably strengthened and encouraged by the accession of an interesting class of thirteen, Confirmed by the Bishop at his late visitation. On the other hand, we have lost and are losing some very valuable members by death and removals. Our venerable Senior Warden, ABRAHAM CHITTENDEN, who had served the Parish faithfully in that capacity ever since its organization, has been taken home to his final reward. Several of our most efficient members have also removed to other localities and left vacancies which it will be difficult to fill.

Waukegan, Christ. - - - - The Rev. S. B. Du

Church Wardens—William Besley, Charles R. Steele.

Families, 76; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls,
Baptisms—Infants, 11. Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 5. Burial
Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 3; Removed, 21; D
Present Number, 95.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 9; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 49; Female, 67; Total, 116.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 116.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 2; Total, 16.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 38; Total, 89.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 58; Total, 109.
Sermons, 80. Lectures and other Addresses, 39.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 75 36	
For part Purchase of Rectory.....	395 30	
General Expenses.....	742 41	
Sunday Morning Alms.....	188 18	
S. School, Festivals, Library, &c.....	197 35	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$1,598 60
DIOCESAN PURPOSES—		
Diocesan Missions.....	$272 99	
Diocesan Fund.....	102 00	
Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.....	6 87	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...		381 86
GENERAL PURPOSES—		
Domestic Missions.....	$23 82	
Foreign Missions.....	10 00	
Freedmen Missions.....	11 00	
Freedman's Aid Society.....	37 50	
For Nashotah House.....		
Sunday School Offering for S. S. in Minnesota.....	25 00	
Total for General Purposes...		107 32
Total of Offerings.....		$2,087 78

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Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 32; Total, 52.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8; Catechumens, 25.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 2; Total, 8.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 4; Total, 29.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 50; Total, 75.
Sermons, 50. Lectures and other Addresses, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

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Alms at Holy Communion	$30 85	
Easter Offering (for Sunday School)	8 30	
For Sunday School..	29 70	
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Diocesan Missions.....	$11 00	
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Service for two months the Chaplain of the English Church at Coblentz, Prussia, preaching at one service; also, held service for four Sundays on ship Hudson, while on passage from New York to London; and also, under permission and wish of the Bishop of Connecticut, held services at a Missionary Parish near Middletown, Conn., from January, 1868, to April, and again at various Parishes in this Diocese after April until June. I am, dear Bishop,

Your faithful Presbyter,

S. B. DUFFIELD.

P. S. I should acknowledge, in connection with report of services on the Continent, your kind letter of commendation, which secured me among the English Clergy and residents the kindest attentions.

It was peculiarly gratifying to know that my own Diocesan had won, by his invaluable services between the Mother Church and her offspring, so large a share of esteem and confidence among the members, Clerical and Lay, of the Anglican Communion, and that his memory would be honored and loved in those distant lands in communion with those over whom he is Chief Pastor and Shepherd.

Wilmington, Redeemer. - - - The Rev. E. H. Harlow.

Families, 46; Individuals not thus included, 80; Total of Souls, 200.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 8; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 18; Female, 32; Total, 50.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Weekly.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 14.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 14.
Sermons, 28.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

PARISH PURPOSES—

Alms at Holy Communion.....	$ 8 00	
For completion of Church Edifice..	1,000 00	
Total for Parish Purposes.....		$1,008 00
Total of Offerings.....		$1,008 00

The present Rector entered upon his duties on the third Sunday after Trinity, and the present Report dates only from that time. The new Church edifice is now complete, and has been occupied since the first Sunday in August. It is a Gothic structure, built at about a cost of $7,000—a beautiful and churchly building, nearly free from debt, though not as yet consecrated. Great credit is due to the members of the Parish, not Communicants, for their zealous efforts in its erection. From a want of male Communicants, the Parish, this year, has not

been represented in Convention by Lay Delegates. We hope another year this deficiency will be remedied. As soon as the amount of Diocesan Fund shall be ascertained, I promise it shall be paid. Our Congregations are greatly on the increase; and the prospects of the Parish generally hopeful.

Wyoming, St. Luke's. - - The Rev. Thos. N. Benedict.

Church Wardens—Henry A. Holst, J. G. Green, M. D.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total of Souls, 59.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 1; Total, 3. Confirmed, 13.
Communicants—Admitted, 10; Received, 1; Present Number, 21.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 4; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 32; Female, 39; Total, 71.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4. Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 13.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parish Purposes—		
Alms at Holy Communion.....	$19 05	
Improvement of Church Building..	50 50	
Total for Parish Purposes.....	———	$69 55
Diocesan Purposes—		
Diocesan Fund.....	$10 00	
Total for Diocesan Purposes...	———	10 00
Total of Offerings.....		$79 55

This Report relates to the time since April 1st, when I took charge of the Parish. I officiate there on alternate Sundays.

To the Right Reverend H. J. Whitehouse, D. D.:

Since the last Convention, I have officiated four months in St. Thomas' Parish, Morris—from October 1st to February 1st. The record of my official acts while there will be found in the Report from that Parish.

Since February 1st, I have resided at Jubilee College, assisting the Rev. Dr. Chase in the Chapel Service on alternate Sunday mornings, officiating at Brimfield in the afternoon, and on the alternate Sunday officiating at Wyoming, Stark county. The record of my official acts at the latter place will appear in the Parochial Report. At Brimfield, I have held service as stated, administered the Communion four times, and Baptized four children.

T. N. BENEDICT.

ROBIN'S NEST, ILL., Sept. 15, 1868.

RIGHT REVEREND SIR:

Gratefully acknowledging the Divine help whereby I have been enabled to do all that I may have accomplished, I beg to report to you of my work for the year past, as follows:

CHURCHES COMPLETED, 2—Knoxville and Chillicothe.

Cost of above.....$8,500 00

No Lien. Debts (assumed by individuals), about $1,200 and $450, respectively.

CHURCHES UNDERTAKEN, 3—Augusta, Aledo, Preëmption.

Estimated cost of above.....$7,500 00

Subscriptions for the above Churches are now being asked, and with so good success thus far that I hope at the end of another month to have raised the needed amounts and to be ready to build.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, KNOXVILLE—

Lands and Buildings, estimated total value.....		$30,000 00
Cost of Renewing Building.....	$1,589 00	
Cost of Furniture.....	1,500 00	
Cost of Insurance on $10,000.....	100 00	
Cost of Expenses, etc., say.....	100 00	
		$3,289 00
Amount Received on Subscriptions.....	$1,057 00	
Amount Due on Subscriptions.....	483 00	
		$1,540 00
Balance Unprovided.....		$1,748 00

The property above estimated was obtained from Knox Female University, substantially as a donation to this Diocese. The only condition precedent is the maintaining for five years from Easter Monday last of a successful Day and Boarding School for Girls in the buildings, which are secured to the Diocese for that period by lease to myself as Trustee.

The School, which the Rev. CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL has opened, and is now carrying on to fulfill the condition of the donation, is most successful, whether respect be had to the character of the School or the number of pupils in attendance. The cordial acknowledgment of this has already been made by the donors of the property, themselves. For this the Diocese is much indebted to the Rev. Mr. LEFFINGWELL, for whom I beseech the cordial good-will and confidence of the brethren to the extent of sustaining him in the venture which he has made for Church Education.

MY PRIESTLY MINISTRY—

Stations, at which regular Sunday services are held, 6—Chillicothe, Young America, Monmouth, Aledo, Preëmption, Knoxville. Stations, at which regular week-day services are held, 1—Augusta. Number Baptisms—Adults, 4; Infants, 10; Total, 14.

Number Confirmations—at Chillicothe, 9; at Knoxville, 3; Total, 12. Whole Number of Communicants, about 140. Whole Cost of my Itinerancy for three years and two months past,.....$2,400 00

At once, a joy and a sorrow, I report the going from me of two of the Congregations which God has given for increase to my Ministry—the Parish of St. John's, Knoxville, and the Missionary Congregation of St. John's, Chillicothe. Of the former, the Rev. Mr. LEFFINGWELL has become Rector, and of the latter, the Rev. Mr. RUSSELL. These Reverend Brothers will find themselves possessed of every appliance for effective Parish ministrations, and supported by Congregations who to me have been always zealous for God, liberal and loving. May my work for them be found, in the Day of Christ, to have been faithfully done. The Lord bless and prosper them always.

During the past year, as a member of the Board of Missions of this Diocese, I have worked in Board Meetings and Missionary Convocations, while the amount of this work has been great enough to tax both my time and strength quite severely, yet, in the gratification of the work itself, as well as of the more than pleasant personal relations with the members of the Board, in particular, which sprang out of it, I confess to have been manifoldly repaid.

Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. S. CHAMBERLAINE.

OTTAWA, Sept. 13, 1868.

RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, Bishop of Illinois:

DEAR SIR—During the past year I have held service and preached in Tiskilwa, five times; in Princeton, once; in Ottawa, once; in Trinity, Rock Island, once. I have buried two, baptized two of my grandchildren, and married two couple.

My health and infirmities of age forbid my attempting regular Parochial work, but I shall be happy to do anything in my power to advance the interest of Christ's Cause and Kingdom in our great and growing Diocese. Yours truly,

C. P. CLARKE.

PALMYRA, Mo., Sept. 17, 1868.

THE RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD,

The Bishop of Illinois:

MY DEAR BISHOP—I report that I have made my promised visit to Stone's Prairie on Sunday, the eleventh of August. Had two pleasant services, and gave them two long, old-fashioned Gospel Sermons. Congregations very large. Baptized two children, one of them the child of a Methodist Minister, who is making his way into the

Church. We have two on the way there now; Mr. Ridgeley, the person first mentioned, and also a brother of Mr. Lyon, an excellent man.

Mr. Lyon has now commenced regular Lay Reading, and writes me after the first attempt, that he succeeded well, and had much larger Congregation than he expected. He will commence a Sunday School. He has concluded to apply for Deacon's Orders, and I have made out his papers, which I hope you will find correct. I can vouch for him most thoroughly. I have taken the liberty to promise the people there a visit from their Bishop, when Mr. Lyon is ready to be Ordered, and in the meantime, I think he will have prepared a class for Confirmation. I promise myself, also, the pleasure of meeting you there, and presenting my good friend Lyon for the Sacred Office.

WM. B. CORBYN.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D., &c.:

REPORT OF SPRING MISSION—

Families, about the same as last reported, 26. Baptisms—Infants, 1. Burials, 1. Marriages, 2.

I continued my regular service on Sundays in the town of Spring, as usual, till into February, when I took a severe cold, which, settling in my throat, prevented me from prosecuting my labors on Sundays in this Mission. I did, however, what I could under the circumstances, which was to visit the families often and distribute among them religious books, tracts, the "Carrier Dove" and the "Young Christian Soldier." My calls and visits amount to about three hundred and fifty, the most of which were made in this Mission and a part in the Parish of Belvidere. During the year I have preached three times in the Church in Belvidere. In the last six months I have administered the Holy Communion in the Church in Belvidere, Rev. Mr. CAUCH assisting four times. Have administered the same once to a sick lady at Cherry Valley.

I have performed the Morning Service in the Church at Belvidere, since the 10th of May, seven times, for the purpose of having the Rev. Mr. CAUCH accompany me to Shattuck's Grove for an afternoon service, where I perform the service and he preaches.

I think that my malady is yielding to medical treatment, and I hope to be able soon to return to my field of labor.

JOHN A. FITCH.

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 15, 1868.

RIGHT REVEREND HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &c.:

The undersigned was called, in February last, to the Rectorship of St. Stephen's Church, Chicago, Ill, which he resigned on the 1st inst. The affairs of the Parish will, therefore, accordingly be represented by the proper officers of the Parish.

Respectfully and truly,

GEO. GIBSON.

CHICAGO, September 16, 1868.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

Not having been attached to any Parish in the Diocese as Rector during the past Conventional year, I beg to present a statement of services performed by me in different places during that period:

Services on Sundays and Holy Days, 147. Administration of Holy Communion, 10. Baptisms, 20. Burials, 6. Marriages, 4.

Very respectfully yours,
JONAS GREENE.

355½ BOWERY, NEW YORK CITY, Sept. 7, 1868.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR—Having arrived at the seventy-seventh year of my age, and under the weight of increasing infirmities, I continue unable to officiate as a Clergyman, otherwise than to perform, occasionally, some short service; such as, during the Conventional year ending the present month, September, 1868, I have performed by assisting a few times, on Communion Sundays, the Rev. Mr. PHELPS, Rector of All Angels' Church, in the City of New York.

Respectfully and obediently yours,
ASA GRISWOLD.

PERU, ILL., August 28, 1868.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D., &c.:

I beg leave to report that during the past year I have not had charge of a Parish.

The only Clerical services which I have been called to perform during the year was to take a part in the Chancel Service on the occasion of the Bishop's Visitation at St. Paul's, Peru, and also when a Convocation was held at the call of the Dean in same Parish.

I married one couple at Peru, with the approval of the Rector, and baptized two children. These acts will be reported in the statistics of St. Paul's Church, Peru.

I purpose leaving for Europe about the 5th of September, 1868, and so will not be able to be present at the coming Convention. I therefore mail this Report in advance to the Bishop.

Very respectfully, M. MAGILL.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &c.:

The undersigned most respectfully reports that, during the last Conventional year, he has been assiduously employed as Rector of Im-

manual Hall, both in the week-day labors and Sunday services. He has held service, likewise, in the neighboring village of Bowmanville, since last Whitsunday, and during the past Summer vacation officiated regularly in Christ Church, Chicago, for Rev. Mr. CHENEY. Within the year, he has officiated at *one* adult and *three* infant baptisms; *one* marriage and *one* funeral, and has the pleasure of recording the Confirmation of *seven* persons, March 16th last, at Immanuel Hall, six of whom were among his pupils.

Very respectfully,
ROSWELL PARK,
Rector of Immanuel Hall.

GALVA, ILL., September 12, 1868.

RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D., &c.:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR—Since my last Report, I held services regularly every Sunday in Galva, up to January 1st. From January 1st to April 1st I officiated in Knoxville every third Sunday—preaching in Galva when not in Knoxville. During the last six months my time has been equally divided between Galva and Mendota.

Respectfully, &c., J. A. RUSSELL.

VANDALIA, FAYETTE CO., ILL., Sept. 13, 1868.

RIGHT REVEREND HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &c.:

RIGHT REVEREND SIR—The subscriber responds to the receipt of the form for report by saying that, having removed into this neighborhood from Missouri, in February last, he regrets to say, that not only has he done nothing for the call of the Gospel in any public way, but that he has not met with a single member of his own Church, nor found the residence of any during his abode in the County.

I remain, with all respect and affection, yours very truly,
ROBERT RYALL.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D., &c.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

The undersigned reports that he is engaged in performing Ministerial duties every Sunday in Henry county. In the township of Osco, near Cambridge, the County seat, some preliminary forms have been taken towards organizing a Parish by the name of "Christ Church," having now enrolled nineteen Families, comprising twenty-five Communicants. A lot of ten acres has been donated, $1,600 subscribed for the purpose of building a Church, and they are engaged in active measures for erecting a Parsonage this Autumn, that their Minister may reside among them. JAMES A. WOODWARD.

REPORT OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

The Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital, in accordance with the provision of their Constitution, present you their Fifth Annual Report:

The Churches of the city all join in this good work, and it is therefore a subject of general interest. We are still occupying the same building—inconvenient, illy ventilated, with a large and noisy machine shop in our rear, and fronting on a noisy street. Our most pressing want is a better and more convenient house, and we feel anxious to build, and not to rent. To do this, however, we will need the co-operation of all the Churchmen of the city, and as yet we have been unable to secure it. Our sister city of Detroit, with about half the number of Churches, is now building, at a cost of $30,000, a beautiful St. Luke's Hospital, and we sincerely hope that their good example will not be lost upon our fellow-churchmen. We hope that you will take an early opportunity of advocating the claims of a charity so urgent, so useful, and so creditable to the Church. Our object is to provide a refuge for the sick and respectable poor, who shrink from the vice and depravity which necessarily is brought into the General City Hospital, and we have done, we feel sure, an immense service in this respect. The pure teachings of the Church are mingled with our efforts for physical relief, and the sacrifice of Prayer is daily offered within the walls of our little Hospital.

The Chaplain reports two Private Communions, seven Infant and two Adult Baptisms, and three Funerals.

Our contributions have been derived from the following sources:

St. James' Church	$ 659 60
St John's Church	375 30
Christ Church	338 22
Grace Church	2,948 10
Trinity Church	210 00
Cathedral	105 00
Church of the Epiphany	100 00
Church of the Holy Communion	65 00
St. Mark's Church	81 20
Church of the Ascension	33 00
Calvary Church	15 00
St. Stephen's Church	10 00
Miscellaneous	749 32
Total	$5,689 74
Expenses	5,753 83
Deficit	$64 09

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ANNUAL ADDRESS

BY

HENRY JOHN WHITEHOUSE, D.D.,
LL. D., D. D. OXON.,
LL. D. CANTAB.;

Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

1868.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE CONVENTION.

Episcopal Address.

To the Clergy and Delegates
of the Thirty-First Convention,
and to the Clergy and Laity
of the Diocese of Illinois;
Greeting in the Lord:

Beloved in the Catholic Faith and Body
of Christ:

The Cathedral witnesses, for the seventh successive year, the assembling within its walls of the Diocesan Council. The spirit and acts of this body are those of the branch of our Church in this majestic State. We represent the whole; and in a deeper manner than our familiar title of social assembly would indicate. We gather with official trusts divinely constituted, which involve throughout spiritual claims and supernal energy. The form is the familiar franchise of our civil life. We have ventured, very boldly, to blend the Church's supernatural power and the authority commissioned from above, with that arising in popular will, individual right and corporate agreement. This constitutes at once our privilege and our danger. Our privilege, as it affords for the business of the Church, deliberative and executive, the concurrent action of the lay order with the clerical. It invokes and trains intelligent sympathy, practical experience, and fellowship in

work and charity. But it clears a broad area on which human impulse and the wisdom of the world may have more demonstrative sway than Godward reverence and dutiful allegiance. Hence, the tendency is natural to fall more and more into a popular tone of speaking and acting. We drift imperceptibly away from the fixed in the mystical body to the prudential and expedient in the fashions of the world. We esteem the Convention as a popular representative, having charge of the affairs of a voluntary association, rather than a Council of the Church, assembled in God's name and presence, where Clergy and Laity group around their spiritual Father, with filial counsel, and in a brotherhood, not "after the flesh," but in membership with the Headship of Christ. Because it is thus a "household of faith," we gather in God's own House. We unite in the common worship which blends us in functional sacrifice with the "Holy Catholic Church and the Communion of Saints." We receive the most precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, that "we may be filled with His grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him." This holy sacrament is the measure of our federation, and no one has place or right in the Council who is not privileged as one of the faithful who come to feed on the banquet of that most Heavenly food. The three distinct orders of the Bishop, the Clergy, and the portion of the Laity duly chosen as parochial representatives, meet in the dignity and privilege of their respective offices, as commissioned by the Lord. Nothing should be done but by their concurrence; nothing by the Clergy without the Laity; and nothing by the Clergy or Laity without the Bishop. Each and all must "magnify the office" thus imparted, by faithfully discriminating the

trusts, and solemnly separating himself from "common and worldly uses." He enters the Divine assembly God-commissioned, and illuminated by the Spirit to do his duty as far as possible, in "the wisdom which is from above." As the Bishop of Jerusalem, taught by the Holy Ghost analyzes it, as "first pure," free from the taint which stigmatizes that by which natural men are actuated, "the wisdom from below;" then "peaceable," not contentious; "kind," not intolerant; "gentle," not harsh and overbearing; but "full of mercy and good fruits." Clement of Rome, but little later, gives us fitting exhortation: "These things, therefore, being manifest to us, and since we look into the depths of the Divine Knowledge, it behooves us to do all things in their proper order, which the Lord has commanded us. Where and by whom he desires these things to be done, He, Himself, has fixed by His own Supreme will, in order that all things being piously done, according to His good pleasure, may be acceptable unto Him. Let every one of you, brethren, give thanks to God in his own order; living in all good conscience with becoming gravity, and not going beyond the rules of the ministry prescribed to him. Ye see, brethren, that the greater the knowledge that hath been vouchsafed to us, the greater also the danger to which we are exposed." I know not why I should shrink from repeating, in the ears of this honored council, the appeal of Ignatius, the martyr Bishop of the Colosseum: "Wherefore it is fitting that ye should run together in accordance with the will of your Bishop, which thing also ye do. For your justly renowned Presbytery, worthy of God, is fitted as exactly to the Bishop as the strings are to the harp. Therefore, in your concord and harmonious love, Jesus Christ is sung. And do ye, man by

man, become a choir, that being harmonious in love, He may both hear you, and perceive by your works, that ye are indeed the members of His Son. It is profitable, therefore, that ye should live in an unblamable unity, that ye may always enjoy communion with God."

ABROAD.

LAMBETH CONFERENCE.

The Convention of last year was antedated by the suggestion of the Standing Committee, in order to afford me the opportunity of being present at the Lambeth Conference invited by his Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to convene in the old palace on Tuesday, the 24th, and following days of September. Before leaving Chicago, I prepared, as a Pastoral Letter, in obedience to the resolution of the Convention, a Form of Prayer for God's blessing on the deliberations of the Council to be assembled at Lambeth, and the Divine protection for its members on their journeys by land and sea. Sailing from New York on the 5th, I arrived in London on the 16th, where many of my Episcopal brethren from the United States had preceded me. We found that a programme of business had been prepared and published, and a preliminary meeting to consider it assembled at the rooms of the S. P. G. on the 17th. The Archbishop presided, and important discussion took place on the order and subjects of our future deliberations. For the session of the Conference, I became the guest of his Grace, at Addington Park.

Through the personal kindness of the late Presiding Bishop, I had been selected to preach the opening ser-

mon. I made several earnest but ineffectual attempts to induce the venerable Bishop to fulfill this difficult duty himself, and his steady refusal to do so brought out still more the affectionate courtesy to myself by which he had been actuated. There was no premonition then that, after the close of the memorable assembly, I should see him no more on earth. The papers brought by the pilot as we neared the haven on my return announced the loss the Church had sustained. The whole Anglican body has sympathized with us, and spoken in eulogy of the distinguished Father, who united in himself such an extraordinary compass of knowledge, covering all the learned professions; who graced that abstract and scientific with his æsthetic nature, and cultivated under the impulse of it, music, painting, and architecture; who thought profoundly; wrote with laborious scope; spoke as the cultivated orator and the adroit debater; and who, through it all, carried clear and impressive the patient work of the ministry and Episcopal supervision even larger than the too narrow bounds in which it was officially cramped. All these gifts and accomplishments were united with the higher graces of a devout life.

With all the infirmities incident to such a bold and loving experiment, the Lambeth Conference may be considered a full success. Some of us appreciate this now, and see the circles already widening in symmetry from that impulse. But the time to weigh and appreciate its holy force and daring will not be in this generation. Far on in the influence of the Anglican Communion, when she stands more developed in her Catholic power and adaptive in her Catholic love, when she presses out aggressively, more and more, in her missionary strength, and lifts herself with broader significance as the centre

of the real unity of Christ's body, then will the thoughtful mind, tracing back the steps of the hallowed influence, find in the germinant event of September last the first real step in demonstrative unity since the Reformation. There is a reality now in the federated Anglican Communion; and infused as that world-girdling body is with the highest gifts, forces and instruments of modern civilization, what, through its elect means, may not God work!

It is inevitable that such a venture should meet with opposition and ridicule. It would have been a worthless thing indeed, if gathering in an age like ours, the infidelity of society had bandied no taunts; if the conflict of the temporal and spiritual in discipline had raised no cry; if the loose breath of popular theology had not shrunk from apprehension of a more defined doctrine and terminology; if the cautious wisdom and conservatism of the Establishment had not instinctively shied from the free, outspoken empiricism of our Branch; and, if over the minds of accurate learning and the timid hearts of well ordered devotion, there had not fallen some shadow from the untried movement. But the prudent reticence and godly wisdom of the assembled Bishops have disappointed some sinister forebodings and relieved the honest apprehension.

The time of the formal meeting, of three days, was very short, indeed, for what we were expected to undertake, and for much that we might legitimately have undertaken. The Conference assumed no functions of a General Synod. It assumed to enact no Canons binding even within the sphere of our representation. But it fulfilled what it proposed. We met with united prayers and praises common to us all. We partook together of the Holy Communion where White

and Provoost and Madison had been consecrated, before that altar whence a long line of English and Missionary Bishops have gone forth. We mingled in conscious and intelligent brotherhood. We passed resolutions prefaced with an introduction of weighty truth in behalf of our own position—"Bishops of Christ's Holy Catholic Church;" of prayerful anxiety for the divided condition of the flock of Christ throughout the world; and affirmed "the Faith in its purity and integrity, as taught in the Holy Scriptures, held by the Primitive Church, summed up in the Creeds and affirmed by the undisputed General Councils."

The action of main importance was the Encyclical, which, in accents of the Apostolic age, utters the old faith to which Apostolic Fathers could have set their hands, Polycarp, Augustine and Athanasius have cordially assented; and, at the same time, in its application of the old truths to existing states of the Church, the brave Fathers could have "seen as in a glass" the modified peril and struggles of the latter days. It is a clear echo from the past, familiar as our daily church life and thought. It is a reassertion of the ancient and unchanging with a living voice which commands attention and confronts obstructively the shallow indifference or rash innovation of modern inventions, startling them both into surprise and antagonism. "It is precisely because the letter says so little that it signifies so much."

But we shall greatly underrate the practical business scope of the Lambeth Conference if we do not carefully heed the results of the work of its learned and laborious committees during the interval from the first adjournment until the reassembling at Lambeth, on December 10th. In these reports are condensed opinions on the subject and functions of Synods; the

Constitution of a voluntary Spiritual Tribunal formed and now constituted—open to the assent of our branch of the Church; on the Courts of Metropolitans and for the trial of a Bishop; scheme for the election of Bishops; Missionary work and fellowship; and the prospective renewal of a Lambeth Conference more formally convened. With all the prudent or the cowardly reticence in the action of the body, as different temperaments may decide, the Report holds no doubtful language in regard to the Natal question and the discipline of the honored Bishop of Capetown.

The steady advance in the recognition of the spiritual excommunication, and the practical settlement of the question so far by the permitted consecration of a successor to the vacant See of Natal, is proof how much Church action in England has been influenced. We ought not to doubt, in a matter of such solemn and isolated importance, so ramified in its secondary relations, that the cautious delay, the breasting of difficulties, the modified expression of final judgment have all been full of instructive and bracing energy, as well as the training of godly patience and a clearer discerning of divine wisdom and grace.

The American Bishops who had been placed respectively on these committees, on one claim or another, left England shortly after the Church Congress. The loss of their distributed counsel was, of course, poorly supplied by my own efforts however assiduously exerted. With great courtesy, I was made a member of all the committees, and did not fail to meet with them and take part, after my ability, in the deliberations and the recorded results.

Although, in the adjourned and closing meeting of the Lambeth Conference, there was no minute discus-

sion of the detail of the subjects thus laid before it, yet the first seven were unanimously received, with the following resolution:

"That this adjourned meeting of the Conference receives the Report of the Committee now presented, and directs the publication thereof, commending it to the careful consideration of the Bishops of the Anglican Communion, as containing the results of the deliberations of that Committee, and returns the members of the same its thanks for the care with which they have considered the various important questions referred to them."

They have been all published by authority and remain as "Institutes" for the future ordering, discipline and federation of the Anglican Communion.

I have not dared to linger on the emotions which throng upon me when I recall the Lambeth Conference, and the contact with the high and lovely characters, "the meekness of wisdom," the refinement of manner and debate, and the elevated social intimacies with which it made us familiar. As Bishops, we have all of us brought away sweet memories and conscious improvement; and as Bishops from a National Church so differently trained, and exercising our holy offices under incidents and forces so distant from the prescript order and complicated customs of a venerable Establishment, we have left behind us (our large hearted English Brothers themselves being the free witnesses) suggestive lessons of no stinted control for their anxious minds.

With some misgiving in yielding to the temptation, I venture to add a portion of a letter from that best of men, to whose wisdom, love and firmness the success of the meeting was eminently due.

ADDINGTON PARK, Dec. 27, 1867.

DEAR BISHOP OF ILLINOIS:

May you have a safe voyage across the Atlantic, and may you find all in your Diocese at peace, and abounding in the fruits of the Spirit. For myself, I shall always look back on the Conference

as an important era in my life and Arch-Episcopate. I trust that it has tended to bind the different branches of the Church in our Anglican Communion more closely together in the bonds of brotherly love. The Encyclical, as I have heard from very good authority, is considered a very serious matter by Roman Catholics—English and Foreign; and some of them have said that the Church of Rome has never received such a blow since the Reformation. Then, the vehemence with which the infidel press has attacked the Conference plainly shows what importance they attach to the movement. Altogether, I trust, we may thank God, and take courage.

I must not conclude without thanking you for the important aid which you rendered to the cause of the Congress throughout. But for your voice in February I certainly should not have had the courage to invite our Brethren from the United States.

I am deeply thankful that I was permitted to do so, and it will be long before the pleasing recollections of my intercourse with so many of them can fade from my memory.

Believe me, dear Bishop of Illinois,

Your faithful and affectionate

Friend and Brother,

C. T. CANTUAR.

I append in sadness to this brief record of the Lambeth Conference my deep sense of the loss just sustained by our sister Church in Canada, through the death of the most Reverend Dr. FRANCIS FULFORD, Bishop of Montreal and Metropolitan. He had a large share in all the action which eventuated in that Assembly. Deputed by the Canadian Church to secure a Conference between the mother at home and her Colonial children, his voice from an Oxford pulpit sounded the movement through England. He carried through the Church and society a constant impulse in its behalf. He opened with calm argument and earnest appeal the preparatory discussions at Lambeth. He brought back to his own Synod the official tidings of its convocation; recrossed the ocean and gave to its session, and especially to the committees, his wise influence; preached the sermon at the closing public services in the old Church by the Palace Gate-Tower, and then came back to his own people, like our Presiding

Bishop, only to die. I mourn him as a loved friend, and honor his memory as a true and judicious Prelate; who brought to his office ample scholarship, wise, firm and gentle temper, manliness and honor, with unostentatious fidelity to the principles and life of our Holy Faith. In the formative crisis of the Canadian Church, the exigencies of its internal state and the sudden transition to constructive independence of the Colonial Churches, Bishop Fulford was eminently the man to seize the occasion and develop its opportunity; firmly to assert rights, and calmly to wait for issues. The honored First Metropolitan of Canada will be long revered, and the fruits of his judicious rule and honest life will ripen in long succession. He will himself gather all manner of fruits on the River which floweth by the Throne of the Lamb.

There are a few incidents of my late visit to England, which I put on record as of some interest to you in the official Report, which it is my duty to make. From the Lambeth Conference I went to the meeting of the Church Congress at Wolverhampton, over which, among the last public acts of his honorable life, the late Bishop of Litchfield presided. It was the seventh of a series of annual meetings, originating at Cambridge, next at Oxford, and from there following successively Cathedral cities, until it found place in the large manufacturing town, plying its craft in the midst of the subterranean treasures of coal and iron which distinguish the "Black Country." Very impressive have these Conventions become, from the prelates, noblemen and distinguished laity that grace the platforms, and the crowded auditories of Christian vigor and refinement that attend the meetings. But among all of grace, talent and intellectual effort during its course, nothing

to me was more impressive as a token, than literally the thousands of operatives and plain men and women, that thronged the streets and the market square, only to see the procession as it filed into the Church for its opening services; and as we found them still waiting quietly and reverently a dense mass, for its exit. Oh, how I longed that a dozen of us could have stood in our lawn, raised in convenient places, on chair or stool, above that crowd, and thanked them by tender words of Christward appeal, for the trouble they had taken, and made it an hour to refresh their hearts through the sympathy of the Church with their reverent instincts, their need and temptations.

The successions of these Church Congresses; the range of subjects they freely discuss; the persons they bring into juxtaposition; the circulation through the ably edited reports of all said and done, and the free, hearty spirit in which the whole is conducted, constitute a most important agency and significant movement for the English Church. I should rate their influence very high as a safety valve for the escape of what it were dangerous to suppress, and a regulated force for popular advance. I know not whether we want, or could command, such a Church Congress among ourselves, but it is worthy of thought by wise observers of the signs of the times. We may involve something of the kind in a Provincial system.

I was permitted to speak on both the occasions of York and Wolverhampton, and should be ungrateful indeed, if I ever forgot the generous, enthusiastic welcome with which my off-hand efforts were greeted.

A week was spent at the Palace of the Bishop of Ely, who, as Dr. Harold Browne, has entered so deeply into the theologic training of our young men, through

his work on the Articles. I refer to this visit especially among many hospitalities, because it was framed to collect there a group of visitors, distinguished for their interest in the Italian Reform and relations with the Continental Churches and Swedish intercommunion. Mornings were spent in the free discussion of these topics with weight and order, with intelligent difference of opinion, presided over and favored by the calm and scholarly judgment of our host.

On Saturday, October 13th, I was honored, in company with several of my Brethren in the American Episcopate, with the Degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Cambridge. We felt it as graceful compliment, and another bond of brotherhood with English hearts. The grand old Colleges and grounds of the University; the Academic forms and dresses; the ceremonial in conferring the degree; our own appearance in the scarlet robes of the rank, were quaint and strange to eyes strained so perpetually forward, but without the repose of an ancestral background and hereditary associations. There was humor and reality in the courteously suppressed salute of the undergraduates in the gallery, "Three cheers for the Red Men of the Prairies."

On the 18th, I preached an Anniversary Sermon in Norwich Cathedral. On Sunday morning, November 17th, I enjoyed a similar honor, on the re-opening, with a series of magnificent services, of the Cathedral of Chichester, which had been beautifully restored, and lifted once again as a far beacon the majestic tower and spire, which, eight years before, had sunk suddenly into ruins.

On an after occasion, I preached and held confirmation in the Royal Chapel in the Savoy. The name and

locality are memorable in the Conference for the revision of the Liturgy at the Restoration. The present edifice, which was not long since damaged by fire, has been restored by Her Majesty, and on this occasion the rite of Confirmation was performed for the first time within its walls during its long existence, and this by the hands of a Bishop from the United States.

Dr. Lonsdale, the late Bishop of Litchfield, was a man eminent for scholarship, but far more for the purity and godly simplicity of his character. He had passed four-score, but with a vigorous frame, bright complexion, and a voice of steady compass, which filled the large Hall of the Congress.

I had the privilege of being with him at a public meeting in behalf of Middle Schools in the city of Stafford, on Saturday, October 20th. The Earl of Shrewsbury presided, and we sat on either side of him. The Bishop, during the meeting, pressed me to go home with him to his palace at Eccleshall, which, from an engagement in the neighborhood, I was obliged to decline. A short time after he passed a note urging me, beyond all fail, to be with him on the Thursday following. This, too, I was compelled to decline with unfeigned regret from the affectionate earnestness with which the invitation was urged.

The Bishop left the meeting at its close, and died suddenly at the dinner table the same evening; while Thursday was the day selected for his funeral. He had thus invited me to be present at both the hour of his death and of his burial. I am already the only survivor of the three then sitting together.

In a short visit to Holland, I sought an interview with the Archbishop of Utrecht, Primate of the Jansenists, who are more correctly designated as "The

Ancient Catholic Church of the Low Countries." I failed, however, owing to the absence of the prelate and my limited sojourn, to meet the "Successor of Willebrod."

They constitute a Communion of only six thousand souls; and while they adhere to some errors of the Roman Church (as the full invocation of the same Saints venerated in Rome), they are disowned by the Papacy and annually excommunicated, with severe prohibition against the recognition of them by "Catholics." They elect and consecrate their own Bishops of "Utrecht," "Harlaem" and "Deventer," in spite of the existence of Roman Bishops to supersede them on their own soil. They uphold the ancient Gallican Liberties with inflexible abnegation of Jesuit subtlety and Ultramontane domination, and adopt, as of authority, the Exposition of Bossuet. They encourage earnestly the circulation and the reading of the Holy Scriptures, and cherish with cardinal fidelity the inward influences of the Holy Ghost. As far back as 1713 the Clergy formally protested against the Bull "Unigenitus" of Clement XI., denying Divine Grace as necessary for salvation. The ancestral testimony is still vocal.

The Offices are translated into Dutch. The Scriptures in the vernacular are put into every hand, and the diligent use of them is sustained by appeal to Ambrose, Chysostom, Jerome and Gregory.

The Bishops have rejected with solemn protest "The Immaculate Conception," and cite Adrian VI., a Netherlander, against Papal infallibility.

Of the dogma set forth in the Bull "Ineffabilis," they speak in these distinct and indignant words:

"Prior to the eleventh century such a privilege of the Blessed Virgin was never, and nowhere known. Not the least trace of such

a sentiment is found in the Eastern and Western Churches. The Popes did not feel such a sentiment. Innocent III. and V. and Clement VI. express the contrary. Nothing can be extracted in favor of the Immaculate Conception from God's Word or tradition, therefore we affirm that it is branded on the forehead with the mark 'Novelty.' The Bishops of the Catholic Church were not at liberty to express their sentiments on this doctrine. No regard has been had to the opinion of the Prelates as a body, but only of those who went to Rome. The successors of the Apostles which were in office when you proclaimed this new doctrine, were either stupid, dumb witnesses, or else base flatterers; therefore with what contempt is the Episcopal dignity treated in an apparently respectable conclave!

"Most holy Father! with your leave be it said, in order to raise the Head higher than it should be, the most illustrious members of the body have been crushed. Thanks to God, we have not yet forgotten the rank we hold, and we therefore complain to you of the injustice done to us respecting it.

"Our Church has repeatedly expressed a desire for a General Council, and it appears that it is now needful to repeat this appeal, on account of a violation of the pledge of Faith, and on account of the injustice committed towards the Episcopacy at the time the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception was established.

"That we should openly repudiate it is due alike to the dignity of our Office, to the Catholic Faith, and to the defenders of the Truth. We are fully convinced that nothing can be added to or taken away from the Faith, once delivered to the Saints. To us, as Bishops of the Catholic Church, is committed the undefiled keeping of that Faith."

It is a small and isolated branch of the Church, but in many respects it has been noble in its confession through long years of suffering, from the heroic devotion of the men and women of the Port Royal, hunted by Jesuit rancor even to death, down to the present hour of quiet unaggressive witness in Holland. Among the Divine agencies for the vindicated unity of the Church, we may esteem that they have been thus preserved as a remnant and purified by suffering for some honorable service, that, in the agitation through the corrupt portion of the Western Church and the movements towards emancipation and reform in its National branches, "the Catholic Church of the Low Countries" may rise a Leader and Guide, and assist in these latter days the restoration of purer Catholic Truth and Order.

In view of these issues, it is not a small thing to have stood for generations in loyal dissent from the Papacy; to protest against its dogmatic Infallibility; to assert Evangelical truths corrupted and obscured by Rome; and especially to circulate freely the Word of God, and encourage the people to read the Bible diligently and literally on their knees.

AGREED INTER-RELATIONS.

Through the intercourse of the Bishops at the Lambeth Conference, several important matters of our inter-relations have been settled, so far as each case admitted.

First among these was the formal understanding of "Letters Dimissory" reciprocal between the different branches of the Anglican Communion, and the preparation of a suggestive Form for the same where prescribed forms do not already exist. The material result in this arrangement is, that a Clergyman coming to this country from England or the Colonies, and remaining here sufficiently long to be admitted to any privileges of settlement, cannot, as heretofore, return unquestioned to his original domicile, while in the interval, often of several years' extent, his character may have been liable to impeachment. A Clergyman now cannot be received in the Church in this country without "Letters Dimissory," and having asked and presented such Letters, he cannot be received back to the Church from which he came without full and specific Letters Dimissory.

A second incident of the same kind was the acknowledgment of the duty and necessity on the part of the Parish Minister to give to Church Members of good character emigrating to the United States a proper certificate; and urge upon each emigrant member of the Church the obligation to present the same on arrival to some Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

the United States. This, whenever mentioned, met with hearty concurrence.

A third point (which obtained a favorable entry into the Conference, but which was not formally acted upon, owing to the immediate courteous response of the Lord Bishop of London that it should be recommended by his authority) was the introduction of the "Prayer for the President of the United States" —after that for Her Majesty and the Royal Family— in the Churches and Chapels on the Continent. A large number of Americans are not only as travelers incidental attendants at the English Chapels, but as residents become habitual attendants and liberal supporters. His Lordship has issued a Pastoral on this subject; and I am credibly informed that in sundry Continental Chapels the occasion for this spiritual fellowship has been cheerfully embraced. An English Church, which I consecrated in the city of Stockholm a year previous to the Lambeth Conference, incorporated a perpetual provision for the use of the Prayer, in consequence of the liberal gifts made by American residents, and their cordial relations to its interests.

RESERVED SUBJECTS.

From our federated Anglican Communion, thus demonstrated in the Lambeth Conference, it would naturally follow that there are subjects which might be considered specially to be confined to its authority and decision. To some of these I made allusion, in the opening discussion of the subject at Lambeth in February, 1867. Among them I placed, prominently, the Revision of the English translation of the Scriptures. We are well aware that much preparatory attention has been directed to this serious work, and that several monographs and critical reviews have been put forth

affecting the general question and its detail. We may admit, consistently with reverent honor for our standard Bible, the necessity of revision of the translation and perfecting of the text by the aid of the enlarged critical apparatus of the modern exegesis, if we aim to have the Word of God according to its full meaning and accurate expression. The expediency of undertaking it, at the present time, is the question really at issue. It admits, however, of doubt whether such a project of revision should ever be entertained by either National Church alone; it should be reserved to the Communion of the whole Anglican body.

In addition to the revision of the English translation of the Scriptures, I would include, as thus secluded for our federated relation, the Revision, authoritatively, of the text of the Creeds. The movement now in progress in this country for bringing that subject before the approaching General Convention, however interesting and important in itself, appears to me to be, so far, premature; and I trust that nothing will be done by that body authoritatively on the subject beyond, at most, the appointment of a Committee of Conference, to act jointly with a Committée, if such may be designated by the two Houses of Convocation in England, and by Colonial Provinces. The subjects entertained in the several Committees of the Lambeth Conference, and the harmonious decisions arrived at on the principles which should govern us in these relations, may tend to show how easy it will be to attain a very close correspondence, in entire consistency with our national liberty, upon all main topics of organization, discipline, and even, ultimately, of disputed doctrine. This, also, will, by and by, extend to our Foreign Missionary operations, and to all Church work extraneous to our

immediate Home demand. I know not why, also, the revisions of our respective books of Common Prayer—a subject now daily discussed in the English branch of our Anglican Communion—should not be, to a certain degree, a joint or combined work of the several branches of the Church, English, Colonial, and in the United States. This need not be with a view to obtain absolute uniformity, but to approximate as closely as would be consistent with the peculiar relations of civil government under which we may be respectively placed. All the great questions touching actual Communion with the old Churches of Christendom should also ultimately be referred to some federated tribunal. In consequence of the ruling made for the renewal of the Lambeth Conference, under circumstances of a more determinate character and organization, and with a more definite authority for legislation, the chance does not appear to me to be remote that there may ultimately be an organized General Council, as the prospects of closer fellowship may advance, between the historic Churches of Christendom and the faithful progeny of the ancient British foundations of the Apostles. This General Council, of course, would differ essentially in authority and character, both of convocation and of action, from those which we recognize under that name, and to which we defer as such high authority; and yet, at the same time, by the mutual intercourse and discussion of a body thus endowed with qualifications of the highest order for godly deliberation, and from their number and weight deserving so much moral power over the actions and opinions of the Church, it might reasonably be supposed that a marked effect would follow towards the fundamental unity of Christ's body.

THE UNITY OF CHRISTENDOM.

A restored unity in the broken estate of Christendom constitutes, in reality, the main and largely diffused subject of reflection and feeling all through our Reformed Catholic Church, and the Protestant bodies around us, and, I trust, is not without its effective interest within the Eastern and Western Churches. It is a subject on which we should reflect deeply, and in connection with its diffused interests and importance, we may recognize that there are many incidents, in themselves not perhaps of determinate importance, which assume an importance relatively from their connection with this great issue.

Everything seems to be tending, in the Christian world, intelligently or unconsciously, in an anxious or in a hopeful spirit, toward this sublime object, that the rent body of Christ shall be again restored to the condition of oneness designed by its great Author in His own mystical enunciation, that His Church shall be one, as He and the Divine Father are one.

Many of the important questions of the present day originate from this hunger of the Christian heart, and are affected by the pathetic but bewildered groping towards this crowning enterprise of Christian sanctity. We are exposed, as in all such complicated issues, to mistakes, misapprehensions, false principles, wrong aims, and dangerous extremes. The impulses of the heart must be sobered by the study of historic facts. It is certain, and this should be our calm standpoint, that no unity can at any time be purchased by the sacrifice of any essential truth of the precious Gospel, or any reality of that organization and discipline of Christ's visible Church which, established by him, has

been perpetuated, and is sustained by the full historical testimony of the Ante-Nicene Christian world, or down to the separation of East and West.

The question of unity separates itself at once into two great divisions — the one, the restoration of intercommunion between the Eastern and Western and Anglican branches of the Church which have existed from the beginning; the other, the reclaiming again those bodies of earnest Christians who, under one plea or another, have separated themselves from this Catholic order and, to a greater or less degree, from Catholic principles. In our efforts for the restoration of this ancient intercommunion, we come at once in contact with the two great branches of the Church under very distinct relations. Popularly we have regarded both the Eastern and Latin Churches as standing in nearly identical relations in the corruptions, as we esteem them, of Christian doctrine and worship. It is requisite, therefore, for a right progress in the matter, that we should understand, on our part, more distinctly and carefully than we have done, the real differences in doctrine, discipline and worship of the great Eastern Church, and especially of the active and energetic branch of that body brought so intimately in connection with us by social and political relations, known as the Russo-Greek.

In regard to the body known as the Roman Catholic Church, as I have had other occasions to express, I cannot at present appreciate how any movement can be legitimately made by the Anglican Communion toward unity or inter-communion with it, owing to the assumed supremacy of the Papal See, which has had a demoralizing and even a destructive force over the integrity of National Churches. Since the Council of Trent, this

and its adjunctives have placed that large Western Church under the just imputation of being in the self-elected position of both heresy and schism. I cannot comprehend how we can hope satisfactorily to approach the discussion of inter-communion in the face of such arrogant and unfounded claims of universal authority. I cannot appreciate anything above a mean truckling, in any scheme of reconciliation, when a body, thus falsely organized, stands in a relation peremptorily forbidding, from its very aggregation, an acknowledgment of error, any approaches to reform of such errors, and can scarcely be supposed to admit even the necessity for change without a disintegration of its present assumed organic condition. The paltering between Primacy and Supremacy is practically on our part a blinking of the awful scope of the falsehood.

In regard to the restoration of visible unity between the Christian bodies around us and ourselves, there is one principle which we must regard as fundamental in the matter — that no plan or purpose can possibly be consistent with the Divine Will, and with the reality of such a unity, which acts upon the basis that self-willed division is the normal or permissible state of the Church of Christ. We can never, therefore, entertain any plan which assumes as a basis the justifying or remaining in actual disunion though governed by the semblance of harmony, or blending of compromise; we must not content ourselves with being able to live with a certain fusion of courtesy, but with the allowance of these fundamental and permanent distinctions as consonant with the will and love of Christ. We can cultivate, however, a better spirit in regard to the matter than we have possessed. We may carefully examine the conditions existing, in a spirit of love which might tend to abate

not only the asperity of temper in holding those differences, but perhaps modify the sharp lines on which they have hitherto been fought out. These differences should be met in a spirit more truly approximate to that which may properly be called catholic. By this I do not mean that vague application of the term, making it only synonymous with latitudinarianism. But I mean that, instead of regarding the differences only in contact with existing relations and conflicting interests, each denomination should act independently, but definitely, to shape its organization and doctrine after the chosen model of the first three centuries to which Catholic Christendom so largely defers. Instead of treating the approximation to each other as an active conflict on doctrinal or ritual matters, in which one is to yield and be absorbed by the other to a greater or less degree, each should entertain the successive points as simple facts affecting the advance of its own individual organization.

Each Protestant denomination separated itself on some ground of a higher spirituality or more definite system. Each, in securing the main reform, abandoned, of necessity, much that was orderly and beautiful, and some things consciously of organic necessity. The history of every Sect shows that they try to regain these. If they do not, they "crumble into the dust and powder of individuality." No Christian denomination around us has retained its original form and spirit. They modify, insensibly, through social forces or the altered tastes of their own membership. They appropriate without stint the æsthetic, convenient, or luxurious, and very much of a higher import in the educated ministry, refined services, and breadth of social and religious influence. This is done in the very teeth of the original prejudices, and from imitation rather than from intelli-

gent conformity to a recognized standard. More and more they throw themselves back on historic forms and habitudes—the modern representation of a more churchly condition. They have all done this to a wonderful extent; and, while externally dignified by it, they have not abated the independent separation. It is obvious that for some time the more the denominations advance in conscious strength and churchly forms and ways, the more intense will be their independency, and the more manifold the subsidiary interests antagonist to any unity which conflicts with sectarian power. These radical changes, all but revolutionary if measured by the original strictness, have been freely chosen, are rapidly progressive, and have raised no internal discord of "Romanizing" or even of worldliness. Change, all but equivalent to overturn, has gone on in the direction of a more demonstrative churchliness, and the Christian bodies are proud of its effects.

But it has been permitted to slip along without a recognized standard or defined object. It has been a mere material thing, the growth of wealth and the spirit of the world. God, through it, however, may be working His own restored Unity and drafting combined strength for the Infidel onset. What is needed is, that this accidental and purposeless advance should rise to that which is thoughtful, scholarly, and reverential. Each Protestant body must work out its own destiny, "truthing in love," by trying to conform itself to true Catholic facts and spirit—to the probable and expedient, if not to the certain and imperative—as far, as wisely, and as lovingly, as it can. The Anglican Communion, from a very different stand-point, is doing the same. The Western and Eastern Churches have similar work; to verify and invigorate their Catholicity by the Ante-

Nicene ages, or the subsidiary period before the great separation. From different points of view, the whole modern Christian world needs devouter insight of the Age of Faith—its Facts and Feelings.

It appears susceptible of such proof that no one can reasonably dispute it, whatever may be the importance that may attach to the facts themselves, that, throughout the great branches of the visible Church of Christ, which claim historical succession, there is a correspondence or harmony in important particulars, from which the great religious bodies around us, though under various circumstances, are peculiarly dissevered. It cannot be doubted that these facts, now visibly sustained both in principle and in practice by nine-tenths of Christendom, have existed, as far as history can determine, unbroken from the beginning, and that to them we can, with the most emphatic truth, apply the test of Vincent of Lerins, *quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus.*

In the numeration of some of these principles, we would refer first to the three-fold organization of the Ministry, but especially to the order of Bishops with transferred succession and authority to govern from Apostolic times, with the sole power of ordination, and with recognized head-ship in the Church of Christ.

We may also mention, as another universal fact of Christendom, that the churches have held from the beginning, and to-day hold, as authoritative, the Creeds of the ancient Church, and since the great Council, whose name it bears, have invariably made their full and habitual public confession of the Articles of Faith in that which is known as the Nicene Creed. If we proceed further we find that all these branches of the Church hold the two Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, whatever surplusage may attach to the

holding of them by some with certain additions under the name of "Sacraments," but which, in reality, they themselves scarcely receive as more than simply "Sacramental" in comparison with the greater dignity, more peculiar authority and universality of application of the two above named. In the definition of these Sacraments, and of their influence and power as supernatural means and channels of Divine Grace, there has been a substantive agreement, though with differing terminology.

In the regeneration by Holy Baptism, in the spiritual and ineffable presence of our Lord in the Eucharist, with the mystical nutriment through His Body and Blood, as well as in the definition of the Sacraments generally, there is virtual concurrence in the accepted standards of the historical Churches, Eastern, Western, and Anglican, and including largely the Continental bodies in the same category.

In addition to this substantial agreement in Orders, Creeds, and Sacraments, the rite of Confirmation, or "Laying on of hands," as of Apostolic establishment, of perpetual use and authority in the Church, and to be administered by Bishops only, may be considered another generally admitted and consistent fact. In addition to these thus mentioned, we may proceed to the Order of Worship by a precomposed Form, a "Liturgy" in the popular acceptation, and affirm, that at no period at which we have known the organized relations of humanity to a religion of Divine authority or inspiration, have we found that acceptable or appointed worship has been rendered in any other way than by prescribed Ritual. Nor is it possible that worship, in its just and elevated conception, can render its comprehensive sacrifice without prescribed Ritual. That such

existed through the Jewish economy, there is no doubt. That it prevailed and formed a continued practice of the Saviour and the Apostles, we must equally admit; and at no time since, and in no branch of the Church of Christ, down to the time of the Reformation and the separation of those bodies, that, for want of a better term, we venture to call respectfully "Sectarian," has there ever been a departure from that mode of rendering our great common Sacrifice of Prayer and Praise, admitted by the Divine goodness, and accepted by Him as the unceasing offering of Militant Saintship, partaker of the Divine Nature, and in struggling training for Heaven.

I have thus alluded to five familiar facts, and the use which, in the recovery of normal substantive unity, I venture to make of them, is this: It is impossible that we can abate or abandon any of these facts without in reality separating ourselves from the Anglican Communion, and from the whole Catholic historic body of the past. In my judgment, as at present instructed, we could not do it without degrading ourselves to a mean unenergized sect. It would seem fundamental, then, in every movement on the part of the religious bodies around us to overcome the separation now existing, and to enable us to blend together in a closer fellowship, that there should be, on their part, a recognition and faithful loving study of these points of difference; and the removing of them, one after the other, as far as possible, by the authority and within the bounds of their own respective Communions.

I cannot look upon it as practically possible that there could be at once, under the most favorable circumstances of the spiritual movement in our hearts, a fusion of any one of the larger Christian bodies around

us with our own. To refer for example to the great Methodist body, as being so closely allied, in many respects, to the Anglican Communion, it could not be assumed to be even probable that there could be a modification so radical of discipline, spirit and habits of thought and action, without its involving such an undertone of indifference and laxity as would go far practically to endanger the fundamentals of our Faith, much more inducing the inevitable disturbance of our hereditary discipline. I do not, therefore, regard even as possible, and certainly would never justify it as a formal proposition, that there should be on the part of a body so large, so vigorous, so benevolent, so fully endowed, and, in some respects, so progressive as the Methodist Church in these United States, a renunciation of their distinctive position in order to become identified in name and organization with the "Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States." But, by our common principles of Gospel Faith and love, by the yearning of our hearts for the restoration of true unity, by the great necessities of Christ's Holy Church, so distracted and disturbed owing to the present enfeebled state of Evangelical Christendom, I would affectionately urge the important fact that they have within themselves the opportunity of drawing into still closer and fundamental relation with Catholic Christendom, without in reality affecting the immediate principles or peculiar practices that led to their original separation. Should they entertain the importance of the regular historical succession in the Episcopal office, which, in form, they consider essential to their organization, it would not be even then necessary that they should seek the communication of that office from our branch of the Church. There are Moravian and

Swedish successions, and if neither of those were by itself selected, there might be effected some combined arrangement from all the Protestant Episcopal bodies, which would impart to the Methodists themselves what would be recognized as, so far, a valid relation of their own Episcopal Government to the Reformed Catholic Church.

It is obviously within their power, and the power of every Christian body thus temporarily divorced from visible catholicity, but which body in reality holds and teaches the Articles of Faith as contained in the Creeds, to assume, confess and declare those Creeds as the fundamental symbols and unchangeable expression of their Faith. By a greater approximation through discussion, concession and Christian love, and large charity, with advanced historical knowledge, I can conceive, without the disturbance of the existent discipline (which, after all, differs less perhaps now from our own than the allowed Monkish Orders do from each other in the Roman unity), advance to such a condition of meetness for normal unity that the manifestation of it, in God's providence, may afterwards proceed naturally and quietly. Not a unity of compromise; not a unity that proceeds upon the basis of a real disunion; not that founded so entirely upon human expediency as to be liable to be overturned by every breath of human caprice or will; but a unity recognizing again the great purposes of Christ in his visible "fullness;" restoring the institutions as appointed by Him, which have been perpetuated through all disaster, difficulty and disorder. For this recognition of a real catholicity I feel that God is preparing each Branch of His Church, and the more ordered denominations around us, through discipline, social advance and voluntary assimilation.

RITUALISM.

In affinity with this subject of Unity is the movement popularly known as "Ritualism"—the source of much general agitation, and cause of deep anxiety to many thoughtful minds. By some it is esteemed as a self-willed and treacherous organized attempt to seduce the Anglican Church from her Reformed position, and reconcile her again to a mediæval alliance. Others regard it as a mere frivolous conceit, which can be ridiculed as millinery and foppishness, and arrested by sumptuary legislation. Multitudes reluct from it because it disturbs old associations, and portends changes untried and indefinite—which at least disturb uniformity of worship, and may cover false doctrine and disorder. There is ground for such apprehensions. Men may be found whose conduct justifies the suspicion of a direct Romeward purpose; and with others the exaggerated attention to the minutiæ of dress and ceremonial must be painful to a serious mind. It cannot be denied that the scope of the whole is doctrinal and affecting the sense and practice of the Church in the Sacraments, and the spirit and form of Divine Worship. But admitting all extremes alleged—the superficial aspect of pomp and decoration, and the sinister use which may be made of them by subtle and disloyal men—these do not comprise nor explain this deep movement as it aims at the expression of the highest truths, the retrieval of unheeded privilege, the vindication of spiritual rights, the quickening of the sacramental life, and the arrest of reaction and confusion, which have widely fostered indifference and unbelief. It is an avowed effort to define and estimate the position of the Anglican Church in reference to Christendom. It assumes to restore to her

privileges and sway that she has, at least, held in abeyance. It strives to enlarge sacramental occasions, as it deepens the reverence for the Holy Mystery. It elevates Public Worship and trains soul and body for the functional sacrifice. It grasps fuller detail of popular work, and the recovery of the masses to churchly discipline and love. It penetrates with devout ingenuity the low places of sin and suffering, and vindicates in God's house the equal rights of redeemed manhood. It has gathered to its work and its discipline numbers of intelligent, self-abnegated and deep-toned men and women. It has thrown around Christian Education attractive reality and beautiful power, and brought the training of the Church's children more in harmony with the Church's trust. Such things is "Ritualism" putting forth its hand to do. Differ as I may from what it teaches, or the manner of teaching, I dare not esteem it lightly nor crudely condemn it.

I may be bewildered and anxious as to where it shall all tend. I must be slow and obstructive in admitting its changes. I am consciously infirm in capacity to discriminate the evil from the good. But, whatever we may think of its æsthetic, symbolic, dogmatic, or sacramental issues—whatever of its work or spirit, of its aims or its tendencies—however the Church collectively may deal with it or its abettors, one thing is certain, that as the subjective under Wesley and the reassertion of the Kingship of Christ in the Oxford movement, so this is to enter permanently into our Church's life, struggle and discipline. May we all have wisdom and love to deal with it aright, as it affects the estimate of our position in connection with the rest of Christendom and with our primitive heritage; but much more as it affects the vigorous development of the inward powers and

energies of the Church in this cultivated age, and in conflict with the subtle and intelligent and rampant forces of modern civilization.

OBITUARY.

Besides the loss of the Senior Bishop, the Episcopal College misses another member in the death, on the 20th of April, at his residence in St. Louis, of the Rt. Reverend CICERO STEPHENS HAWKS, D. D. I attended his funeral on Friday, the 24th, and made an address commemorative. The Bishops of Iowa and Kansas assisted in the solemn services.

Two Clergymen have died, connected with our own Diocese.

The Rev. JOHN T. WORTHINGTON, D. D., who had been identified with the Diocese for a long period. As a Layman he assisted in its organization, and as a Minister shared its early struggles; to all of which he contributed good power of mind and attainments. Dr. Worthington was formerly rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville, afterwards had charge of some Missionary places in Missouri, but returned a few years since to Pittsfield, where, as his health would permit, he has rendered Pastoral and Missionary service.

The Rev. Dr. MCCULLOUGH, I learn by the papers, has deceased, but have no specific intelligence of the sad event. Dr. McCullough represented Delaware in the General Convention. In this State, he was settled in Lewiston, where he is remembered with great respect as an able writer, intelligent pastor and devout Christian gentleman.

The Rev. C. H. ALBERT, who has recently ended his earthly ministry (by an accident) in the Diocese of Arkansas, was for some years at Kankakee, and other places

in this Diocese. An appeal has reached us from Bishop Lay, in behalf of his wife and little children, the response to which, in your generous appropriation of the Communion Offerings at the opening services, amounting to one hundred dollars, will be welcomed as an act of tender fraternal remembrance.

Since this address was penned, we have been startled to learn that the Rev. HIRAM N. BISHOP, D. D., Rector of St. John's, in this city, has died suddenly in the French Capital, while absent for some months of recreation in European travel. The Resolutions of the Convention, yesterday, expressed with discriminating eulogy the sense of his vigorous work, indomitable energy and generous impulses. He worked with zeal and success. Many loved him deeply, and especially the poor and lowly. Hundreds will mourn over the loss of him as of a Spiritual Father, and the Church which he founded will be a lasting memorial of his indefatigable ministry. The call of his Master has been sudden. It found him flush with the excitement and diversion of European travel. He bowed down to die in the midst of strangers and away from household loves. But the Lord will remember according to the greatness of His mercy, and not wipe out the good deeds which he hath done for the house of his God, and in the offices thereof.

CONSECRATIONS.

Three Bishops have been consecrated:

The Right Reverend FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, Assistant Bishop of Virginia;

The Right Reverend JOHN WATKINS BECKWITH, Bishop of Georgia; and

The Right Reverend WILLIAM HENRY AUGUSTUS

BISSELL, who has succeeded the Presiding Bishop in the Diocese of Vermont.

I had the opportunity of signing the testimonials of three of these, but owing to absence, was not formally asked to decide on the somewhat difficult case of the Assistant Bishop of Virginia, to which the Standing Committee of this Diocese, concurring in this action with some others, refused their consent on Canonical grounds.

My arrival in New York afforded me, the day after, the opportunity of attending a meeting for the choice of a Bishop of Oregon. The hand, however, that penned the call for that assembly was in the grave. The election on that occasion of the Reverend Doctor PADDOCK proved unsuccessful, from his declinature of the office, in consequence of some doubt in regard to a Canonical majority. The Canon on that subject is obscure, and revision may be necessary, in consequence of the discussion which has grown up in connection with its application to these late cases.

DISCIPLINE.

From the Ecclesiastical authorities of other Dioceses in Disciplinary Notices, the following cases of deposition have been received:

GEORGE T. WILLIAMS, Presbyter, from Bishop Johns, of Virginia;

GEORGE W. LEDDENHAM, Presbyter, from Bishop Stevens, of Pennsylvania;

W. K. RODGERS, Priest, from Bishop McIlvaine, of Ohio;

GEORGE H. WILLIAMS, from Bishop Odenheimer, of New Jersey; to which I add,

JOHN NIGLAS, LL. D., M. D., deposed by myself.

THE SOUTHERN CHURCH.

This portion of our body requires our sympathy and assistance from its suffering and depression. Frequent claims, in different forms, have been made upon the Bishops and individuals in our Northern Dioceses, and, although the relief thus afforded may be inadequate to the great need, it has been bestowed with liberality and a deep feeling of sympathy. They are, themselves, manifesting strong energy and power of recuperation, and pathetic endurance. With the broken materials in their hands, and the present disorderly state of their resources, both of men and means, they are exerting themselves vigorously to retrieve their past estate. Their losses by the war have been such in character and amount as must take them a long time to restore. From the general reports which we have received, and from the careful one drawn up and printed in the Diocese of South Carolina, we may form some approximate idea of the extent of dilapidation and destruction for the Church which has occurred in the progress of our conflict. In that Diocese alone, it appears that ten Churches have been burned; that three have disappeared; that twenty-two Parishes are suspended; that eleven Parsonages have been burned, and that every Church between the Savannah River and Charleston has been injured—some stripped of their weather-boards and flooring; that almost every Minister in that region of the State has lost his home and library; that along the entire sea-board, from North Carolina to Georgia, where our Church had flourished for more than a century, there are but four Parishes which maintain religious services, that not one outside of Charleston can be called a living, self-sustaining Parish; that their Clergy

live by fishing, farming, and the mechanic arts; that almost every Church whose history appears on this record has lost its Communion Plate, often a massive and venerable set, the donation of English or Colonial ancestors.

The Diocesan funds have shared the fate of all Southern investments. In that Diocese alone the total amount invested in the Diocesan funds was $184,000. Many of the older Churches hold bonds and stocks as Endowments, and from partial returns these losses amount to $98,000.

The pecuniary loss might be repaired, but no hope remains of speedy restoration to the original prosperity of the Church. May we be enabled to show, in liberal works from the North, our fraternal anxiety to repair this desolation, and with prayers and alms vitalize the sympathy which our hearts must feel, in unison with the concluding paragraph of the report:

"May the God of all grace grant us in faith and patience to see the building up of the waste places of Zion. Comfort us again after the time that thou hast plagued us, and after the years wherein we have suffered adversity. Show thy servants thy work and their children thy glory. Oh, prosper thou our handy-work."

But besides the material desolation that is recorded, there is another branch of religious suffering challenging the intense interest of our Northern Churches. It is the condition of the colored race, in view of the religious depreciation, so painfully apparent, which has taken place among them. The testimony that we have on that subject, from sources it is impossible to question, presents a condition of moral as well as physical suffering which our utmost efforts will scarcely be able to arrest or repair. In the same Diocese to which I have alluded, in 1860 the whole number of colored communicants was nearly three thousand, and there have now been

reported only about three hundred. In most cases, in exchange for the careful training of our Clergy, they are left to the blind guidance of ignorant and sometimes vicious preachers, of their own class and color. But beyond all this, testimony comes to us from several parts of the South that among the colored race there is apparent a tendency to relapse into heathenism! The belief in false prophets, priests, confessors, sorcerers, and other forms of African superstition, has revived to the ruin, in body and soul, of its deluded victims. Exercises of this kind have been narrated to me exhibited at funerals of hideous noise and wildness, and under the excitement of religious worship, acts of systematic lewdness and criminality. The summary of the testimony in the report which I have just quoted is to the following effect:

"Their religious deterioration is painful. They have forsaken the way which they had learned and taken to themselves teachers of their own color; fanaticism and extravagance rule in their religious assemblies to such an extent as to require the aid of the military to keep order and repress violence. There are indications of a return to African barbarism; there are no religious services re-established on Waccamaw; the planters are bankrupt; their houses despoiled, their costly libraries torn to pieces or shipped to Northern ports. What good the Lord may work out of the present confusion we know not. To human eyes the present state of things is only evil to both races which inhabit these beautiful shores. Hundreds of these same colored persons were communicants of our Church; thousands of colored children recited the Catechism, and answered as intelligently as any of their ages in Europe or America, and the Lord's work seemed prospering and sure. Alas, for the change in five or six years!"

Heathendom in one form or other is planted in our midst. It would be well if we could concentrate all our strength for a time to grapple with it.

DIOCESAN.

I have rarely been able to refer with more satisfaction to the state of my Diocese than on the present

occasion. On all sides indications are presented of a hearty work steadily progressing, and the blessing of God on the efforts and gifts of His people. If I venture to refer the rather to points of deficiency, it is not because there is need of rebuke for special unfaithfulness or of depreciation in the success which God has vouchsafed us. Still, in view of so much remaining undone—of such a vast field to be tilled—of such pressing necessity for exertion—my mind is filled with anxiety to do all in my power to rouse the Diocesan Church to greater anxiety and effort to fill the measure of its holy mission; to more commensurate liberality for the work, and that sincere co-operation out of the breadth and sacrifice of which alone can come permanent success and strength. One of the most painful matters that meets us in our Diocesan history is that we are doing nothing in the way of permanent institutions. Outside of the immediate claim for work of that kind, and the direct results from every united effort in education or charity on the objects themselves, there is in a Diocesan effort the secondary effect to bind and develop our Church fellowship. I fear that in this respect we compare unfavorably with other Dioceses of the same age. It is a sad loss to us—apart from all the deficiencies in absolute duty and forfeiture of powerful means that such destitution must involve. It is a condition that never can exist without indicating some constitutional defect. There must be a want of a spirit of co-operation, some mistaken selfishness, which prevents us doing our duty in our more expanded relations, owing to the pressure (which will always exist, under the most favorable circumstances) of the wants and claims of the individual Parish.

JUBILEE COLLEGE.

If we look at our educational efforts—turn our eyes to that institution founded by my predecessor and handed down as a trust to me and to you, what account can we render of it? Efforts on the part of those having custody of it have been unceasingly made, not only to preserve its remaining property, but in every way, through me as the exponent of the wishes of the trustees —as the representative of its interests—as its chief officer—to urge upon the Church its fundamental importance to Diocesan wants and claims. We have not only presented the sterling and even piteous suffering claims of the institution itself, but have proposed various plans and modifications and placed it, again and again, at the disposal of the wiser conduct and more liberal support of the Convention; but I am constrained to say, that, with all this effort, and the lapse of so many years, nothing has been done to secure for the Diocese a distinct and honorable place of Christian education.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

In relation to female education we have scarcely fared better. Private efforts have been made, sustained as far as could be by my own personal or official exertions, which hitherto have unfortunately failed. We are now making another effort of a similar kind, and present to the notice of the Diocese St. Mary's School, at Knoxville. Circumstances of a peculiar kind have enabled us to secure the premises in that place, known as Ewing Hall, on the most favorable terms. It is now open for the purpose of receiving those who desire to avail themselves of its advantages. At the head of this Institution is placed one who, though young in years, has relatively matured experience in the matter of education, and in character and his clerical position is

fully prepared to impart to it the deep tone of gospel life. Once, again, an effort is thus made and is pressed upon the patronage and sympathy of the Church.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS.

There is some advance, I am thankful to say, in Parochial Schools. Several have this year been opened and established. Not, indeed, in the larger and wealthier Parishes, where we might have expected and demanded them, but in Parishes even of recent origin, and where the zeal of the people has outstripped the abundant means and more stable foundations of our older bodies. In the city in which we are now meeting I do not know of a single Parochial School. I do not know that the Church is, strictly speaking, properly educating one of her dear children; but I do know that it is stated that the Roman Catholic Church has ten thousand children under her charge and religious culture, while we have not one. A fact like this should not only speak to our hearts in an appeal for a higher and more devout culture, but should startle our deepest interests as citizens in the social relations in which we are placed, which demand so imperatively that to the training of the young head—and that often now done only in a partial and vain manner—there should be added the discipline of the heart and the instruction of the affections, the God-ordained preparation of the whole nature, for the great struggle of life and the exercise of the important privileges and duties of our free birthright.

SISTERHOODS — ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

Among the public institutions which the claims of religion have evoked in parts of our country, and which I can see no reason why we should not be active in securing, are SISTERHOODS, as places of training and work for the discipline and employment of a certain

number of the female members of our Church who desire to devote themselves to her service, and to secure some form of honorable engagement, with that spiritual direction and sustenance in such work, the want of which has for so many years created the awful waste of some of the best resources and the most effective means which God has put into our hands.

The infirmities and sufferings of the body afford to the Church the most favorable occasion to minister effectively to the wants of the soul, and of blending together the two elements of a just Christian charity in the care of the suffering body, and watchful tenderness for the immortal spirit.

A Hospital has been established, with active zeal, by one of the Congregations of this city, and bears the name of honor and encouragement as "St. Luke's." It is doing a generous and devoted work, with anxiety and sacrifice on the part of its active supporters, perhaps greater than if its scope were larger and the appliances more commensurate. It is yet without the buildings and furniture of an effective hospital, and falls far below what, as a City and Diocese, we should be doing for the mass of suffering constantly renewing around us. May it serve to shame and quicken our corporate benevolence.

The Report, which is officially presented to me each year, shall find place in full on our Journal. I have here only to say that its receipts have been $5,689 and its expenditures $5,753, of which amount nearly $3,000 came from Grace Church alone.

The Medical Report is as follows:

House Patients admitted	177
Discharged	123
Eloped	3

Died	8
Remaining September 1st	13
Births	16
Of these patients were—	
Males	104
Females	73
Of these were—	
Natives of the United States	57
Foreigners, (principally Irish,)	120
Their Religious training has been as follows:	
Churchmen	43
Romanists	63
Presbyterian	15
Methodist	11
Lutheran	11
Baptists	5
Jewish	2
Congregationalists	3
Quaker	1
Spiritualist	1
Second Adventists	2
None	20

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF CLERGYMEN.

In connection with this same subject, I beg to refer to another point more immediately affecting the welfare and interests of those I am addressing. There is no provision, in this Diocese, for the widows and orphans of the deceased Clergy. Other Dioceses have adopted plans of Life Insurance and cognate means to effect this important object. We have never moved in relation to it. Hitherto, by God's grace, there have been few among us of the class which I have specified—a form of bereavement in many respects meriting, more than any other, a peculiar sympathy. No Clergyman, I may safely say, is able to make through the avails of his ministry any pecuniary provision for his helpless orphans or widow, if in the more active portion of his life he should be taken from among them. And the change is a dreary one under such loss, for not only s

there the ordinary grief and the ordinary trials of maintenance, but the necessary loss of that social position and consequence which have been the privilege of the wife and family through the acknowledged official character of the husband and father. While no case occurs to me immediately demanding relief, yet in this respect anticipative provision should be made. It must be made in an accumulated form before the case occurs, and can only be organized by the association of the Clergy themselves, creating as it were a vested interest in the benefits of their own foresight.

In the same connection I venture to urge that more attention should be paid by the Parishes to insure the lives of their Rectors. If this were done, it would perhaps be the best way of securing the object already mentioned. The frequent changes occurring in that relation certainly present difficulty in the proper exercise of this protective care. The changes in the ministry may render abortive or unprofitable the expenditure forfeited by the change of domicile and relation on the part of the incumbent. Still, in the large diversity of proposals of the various Insurance Companies, I am sure that it would be easy to establish such a condition as, by the payment of certain sums annually on the part of our respective congregations, the Rectors of these bodies might have in some way or other permanently secured to them this resource, or at least if the contingency of death should occur during his official connection with that specific Parish.

RURAL DEANS.

The last Convention unanimously passed the following resolution:

"That this Convention hereby recognizes and adopts the system of Rural Deanries as set forth by the Bishop in his Address, and recom-

mends the Bishop to carry the same into practical operation in this Diocese, so far as may be consistently done in our present legislation, and bring the whole for confirmation before the next Annual Convention."

In obedience to this resolution, I have acted directly for its fulfillment. The Diocese has been divided into seven districts, to constitute separate Deanries, under the following titles, and in each district has been appointed a Rural Dean, subject to the approval of the Convention:

The Northern Deanry, the Rev. Dr. RYLANCE;
The North Western Deanry, the Rev. Dr. CHASE;
The Eastern Deanry, the Rev. Dr. MORRISON;
The Middle Deanry, the Rev. Mr. JACKSON;
The Western Deanry, the Rev. Mr. CORBETT;
The South Western Deanry, the Rev. Mr. ABBOTT;
The Southern Deanry, the Rev. Mr. COE.

A list of the Counties included in these several districts is appended to this Address.

Instructions have been issued to them in regard to the duties and relations of the office, of which I present a copy:

DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.

TO OUR BELOVED IN CHRIST,
THE REVEREND ———,
RECTOR OF ———:

WHEREAS, It has been thought fit, after deliberation by the Annual Convention, to establish in this Diocese the ancient use of *Rural Dean*, with a correspondent district assigned to said officer, within which he may exercise such administration and superintendence for the maintaining and furthering of Clerical Communion, and for the local advance of the Church, as may be consistent with the established polity of the Diocesan Church, the vested rights of its Clergy and Parishes, and in due obedience to its Ecclesiastical Authority;

WE, THEREFORE, having confidence in your piety, diligence and prudence, DO HEREBY appoint you, our well-beloved Presbyter, as RURAL DEAN of the ——— DEANRY, composed of the Counties of ——— inclusive, subject to the confirmation of this appointment by the next Annual Convention of the Diocese.

And we do affectionately exhort you to use all right endeavors, in full co-operation with the faithful Clergy and Laity within your Deanry, to promote the extension of the Church; the fellowship of the Ministry; the love and activity of the Lay members; systematic and liberal gifts and oblations; the building and improving of places of Public Worship; the securing and improving of Parsonages and Glebes; the organization of new Parishes and Missionary Circuits; the employment and the provision of Lay Readers under our license in places destitute of the Ministry, and as helpers to the Clergy; the provision of itinerant duty by the settled Ministry or others; the larger circulation of a wholesome Church Literature, and all like godly efforts which the zeal and wisdom of the Clergy and Laity within your Deanry may, from time to time, contrive and sustain.

This office is to be held by you during the good pleasure of the Bishop and the Convention, and so long as you, the Rural Dean, shall remain a settled Minister in good standing within the District for which you are thus appointed.

It shall be your duty to keep us—your Ordinary—duly advised of matters affecting the well-being of the Church within your Deanry, and of the plans and operations for the advance of the several objects above indicated.

HENRY JOHN WHITEHOUSE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

The efforts that have been made to carry out the duties—mainly, of course, Missionary in their character—have been attended, in several of the Deanries, with encouraging results, and, from all that I have seen, it will prove the most efficient organization that we have hitherto had for the spread of the Church and the development of local interest; and the greater centralization and expansion of it from the stronger centres. It distributes fairly these centres of action; it places some one to direct that corporate influence; presents a constant means of communication with the Bishop; affords him minuter information as to wants and progress, and more advised appeal to the Diocesan agencies. We therefore present this action—the present division of the Diocese into the respective Deanries and the confirmation of the officers appointed in them, to the hearty approval of this Convention.

This relation of Deanries may have the effect to render proper certain modifications in the Missionary Board of the Diocese. Under any circumstances, the Deans will be proper organs of communication with the Board of the want of their respective districts, the recommendation of the stations themselves, and the circumstances bearing upon the intelligent selection of our places of labor, and the proper amount for their sustentation. Whether, in consequence, the Deans themselves should be attached to the Missionary Board, is a subject for the consideration of the Convention. My present impression on the subject is, that it would be advantageous that the Board should be thus increased by the addition of these officers, and that, in the organization for business by the Board in its General Meeting, provision may be made that the executive business be entrusted to a smaller Committee appointed by the Board itself, and resident as near to the Bishop for convenient convocation as can be with propriety.

In our Missionary work at large, I may safely refer you to the able and full report which will be presented by the Board to whom you have entrusted that work. It will exhibit a large amount of action and success through the year, and show some striking facts in relation to the enhancement of our pecuniary means by the vigorous meetings which have been held at different points by calling upon the Clergy and Laity from various parts to assemble there for concerted action. Our most hearty thanks are due to a number of the Clergy and Laity who, at considerable personal sacrifice, have concurred in this effort of the Committee, and have rendered to them able aid. In the same spirit which, while appreciating the benefits and admiring the spirit of the efforts, I have alluded to our Diocesan deficiencies,

I must be permitted to express some apprehension that I entertain in regard to the present form of our Missionary exertions. Effective as these have been for the last two years in rousing a spirit, in collecting an amount more commensurate with the means and wants of the Diocese than heretofore, I cannot but regard the plan itself as partaking too much of that which we are accustomed to consider spasmodic, too slightly connected with the systematic Parochial efforts of which, at last, permanent results can be alone safely predicated. This systematic collection, extending to every individual, I really consider the normal duty and privilege of our Churches. It is what the New Testament specially directs—the laying by each week, or at small stated periods. It is the law of all true charity, and the most reliable source of offerings to God for the support and propagation of the Gospel, whether in personal gifts or Parochial responsibility.

There will be difficulty in securing the services of the Clergy themselves sufficiently to render certain to any degree the continuance of these Missionary Meetings appointed by the Board, occurring, necessarily, oftentimes with opportunity only of short notice. The resolution of the Convention on which the claim upon them is rested, appears to have regard to another form of work, and one that I should feel extremely unwilling to see modified or changed to such an extent as to rob me of the privilege of claiming and applying it. The Clergy, at the direction of the Bishop, are to give a certain amount of their time for the supply of vacant Parishes and of Missionary stations. The late resolution indicates one Sunday per month, at such stations as the Bishop may direct. The object of this is to employ with greater breadth the work of our Parochial Clergy,

to obtain from them a Sunday's ministering services in the destitute but still, perhaps, promising places for the Church which may be known to the Bishop or lie around the particular cure of the Clergyman. In this way, to a certain extent, rightly employed, the whole body of the Parochial Clergy constitute a Missionary force at the disposal of the Bishop, and with the amount of it indicated in the resolution above, would obviously afford a very large energy for extending the Church and fostering it in places at present too weak to secure a more permanent supply.

The appointment of Rural Deans, and the consequent division into Decanal Chapters, combined with the employment of the Clergy attached to them in specific Missionary work, would also necessarily absorb a considerable portion of the time, which now, under the most liberal construction, a Parish would be willing to allow to its Rector, apart from his own immediate obligations. Under these circumstances, I cannot look forward to sustain, and am hardly prepared to affirm, the expediency, in conflict with those more direct applications of our clerical force, of the incidental meetings which have been called by the authority of our Missionary Board. That such concentrated meetings are effective—nay, I might almost say indispensable—for a certain part of the work, I cannot doubt; but I have no doubt they can be better managed in our Rural Decanal Chapters, and with their direct aggregate force more locally employed and concentrated.

The Missionary Board has turned its attention, in a limited degree, to the work known as Colporteurage. During the preceding year the Rev. Mr. DeWolf entered upon this work, and accomplished it, as far as he was able to go, with marked success; and although

his efforts were suspended in consequence of the more immediate claims of Parochial and Missionary duty, yet at the same time it illustrated in his hands the two great principles that must govern us in such undertakings: first, that as far as possible there should accompany this sale of books the ministrations of the Divine Offices through the parts of the State where the Church is not yet planted, and where its scattered members still cherish in love and hope their attachment to her services and reliance on her teaching; secondly, that whatever may be the benefit of the distribution of religious literature in its broader character, ours at this time and in these circumstances is not the province to fulfill it. Our duty strictly and exclusively should, in this branch of Diocesan work, be limited to circulating Church literature—that which rests not only upon the sanction of the Church in the source from which it emanates in publication, but actually contains within itself the teaching of her distinctive principles, the explanations of her services, and vindication of her against mistake and popular perversion, to secure the direct advance, in Church intelligence and life, of those into whose hands it should be put.

With regard to the subject of Missions I have another important observation. The Bishop is more than technically the Head Missionary of the Diocese, and has more direct responsibility for the conduct and administration of the whole of that work than perhaps under certain present disadvantages he is enabled to meet. I appreciate the cordial co-operation pledged by the Missionary Board, in the language of their own resolution, "with him who is by office the head of this branch of Church work in the Diocese." But with all concurrent sympathy and readiness on the part of the

Missionary Board to comply with suggestions, it nevertheless happens that there are portions of the work and many tentative operations of equal importance which the Bishop cannot effectively administer. The nomination of Missionaries is of course, and properly, entirely in his hands. In the appointment of them he acts with the Missionary Board. Machinery like this renders inevitable a certain amount of delay in the fulfillment of the definite arrangement, and implies a formed and realized condition to a certain extent in the station over which the Missionary is to be appointed. Some of the most promising efforts scarcely admit of such an immediate application. They must be tested and nursed up and combined before they can have the formal action of the Board. In the course of my visitations I may have the opportunity of officiating at a point or points in my Diocese where the Church hitherto has not reached, and find during that visit indications of a promising opening of an Episcopal Congregation. It is obvious, however, that such must be regarded for the time as simple information—good as far as it goes—and the Bishop should be provided with such Missionary auxiliaries and means of commanding them as would warrant and enable him immediately to send to that point some Clergyman capable of carrying on and fostering the work, and of acting under the direction of the Bishop in such an arrangement of adjacent localities as might bring it to a condition in which it could be offered to a Missionary for his acceptance, or permanently presented for the stipend of the Board. The Bishop now has in reality no actual means within his control. He has nothing entrusted to him for the great work bound upon him by his office, and acknowledged by the judgment of the whole Church. I feel myself,

therefore, pinched, I may say, dishonored, in these relations.

If I refer to the gratifying resolution in regard to the Cathedral, which shows in its form such a just appreciation of its character, I may perhaps be at liberty to suggest more definitely the remedy for this condition—for this powerless, infirm attitude in which I am placed—and which exercises a depressing effect over my own impulses. The resolution of the last Convention says:

"The Cathedral should be in some sort a representative institution of the Diocese—a grand and living witness of the truth and order and the charities of the Church."

"This diffusive Missionary agency is the inalienable office of a Cathedral Church."

The Cathedral, then, should afford a legitimate instrument, in some form or other, for the Missionary action of the Bishop himself, and the staff of Clergy and Deacons attached to it should be such as to allow him, for any exigencies in the mixed population immediately around him, and in the remoter parts of his Diocesan charge, at all times and on all occasions, instruments for the immediate calls and claims which, in his judgment, may arise, either to test the existence of the real need, or to provide for that need, wherever it should be found to exist. I ask, therefore, from the Convention the direct trust of means for Missionaries under my own direction and charge, and that an amount of two thousand dollars may be assigned to me for Missionary work in connection with the Cathedral or otherwise, during the ensuing year. I feel assured that thus vested with present means, however inadequate they may prove to their real exigency, I shall be able to open sources and develop feeble, germing beginnings, to

supply temporarily the needs of places in a manner effective for the glory of God and for the well-being of the Church under my administration.

There are some points, also, of our administration of the fund as remitted to our Missionary Board, upon which it appears to me the Convention itself should speak, in the way of instruction.

A source of difficulty in our Missionary operations arises from the fact that we have no security that the Missionary appointed will remain at his post, or that the Congregation or Circuit to which he is appointed will continue to sustain him during the year. Hence, it happens, that arrangements made, involving the current year at least, but also with the idea of continuance of support through successive years, if necessary, for the full establishment of the Church, are broken up at the end of two or three months, and the amount that has been given and expended becomes, in reality, mere loss and disappointment. It appears to me that one regulation, fundamental for the bestowal of the Missionary stipend, should be a condition on the part of both Minister and Parish, that the tie should be considered indissoluble during the current year, unless the Bishop, on statement of special incidents, should himself recommend that dissolution.

Another difficulty in the administration of our funds is rightly to discriminate the manner and the amount of their proper application. There are two objects, as I have frequently observed, which evidently conflict in our Missionary work—that which properly belongs to Missionary advance, and that which is a Pastoral aid to enable Parishes to call their Clergyman and to pay more salary than they are able, of their own means, to promise. Both of these objects are worthy of the constant

sympathy and benefaction of the Diocese. Without aid, our weaker organizations cannot be supposed to be able to sustain the services of a stated Pastor. But the difficulty is to decide how that addition to a Parochial salary should be regulated. Instances occur in which it is desirable, for Parochial advancement, to secure for the place, or for the neighborhood, the services of a man of more distinguished mark and talents, or who, from family relations, may demand larger salary than it is possible for the Parish inviting him to pay. In several cases, we have then stepped in for aid and benefaction, and an amount of several hundred dollars has been allowed discretionally by the Board to raise that salary to an amount beyond the average of the salary the Parish had hitherto paid or other Missionaries are receiving. It appears that some specific sum should control our Missionary aid, and that the Diocese should direct that whenever the salary of a Missionary attains a certain maximum, then Missionary benefaction should be withdrawn, if previously given, or should not be appropriated on the application.

In our work of itineracy there will be necessary modification, and I think a far greater degree of efficiency secured through the division into our Decanal districts. It is a form of work of great importance in its broader seeking and venturesome effect. It requires to be kept, however, within such limits as may render really efficient the labor of the Missionary for the planting of the Church. There is danger of attempting too large districts, and there is a tendency to forfeit, in the largeness of the area, the effective results which such labors might be expected to attain. In each of the Deanries provision may be made for work of this kind, and the assignment and relation of it being

in the hands of the Chapter—this composed of all the Clergy and certain Laity—the district will be enabled to arrange effectively the lines of such ministration, as well as the particular points favorable for real development. To the Rural Dean and these Chapters we shall look for much advice as well as definite arrangement in regard to the itinerant operations in character and magnitude necessary within their respective borders.

PAROCHIAL.

Our advance in the respective Parishes during the year has been generally satisfactory, and many instances might be selected peculiarly indicative of this progress. But even on this subject I venture rather to speak of what appears to me to be lacking than to dwell upon the detail in a more commendatory manner.

And first I would ask—and especially in view of the Churches in our cities—do we make any adequate use of our large Churches and Parishes in their local and general influence? In our present system and the erection of our finer buildings, the conduct of what we call the Parish is exclusive almost inevitably, and confined to a class of persons competent to pay large pew rents, and occupying mainly the place of public worship erected and maintained by these means. Without daring to condemn such a system entirely, or even to feel that it may not be at present an inevitable necessity, I still am deeply anxious that in some way or other the congregational sectionalism and seclusion now so manifest should be disturbed and broken up. It cannot be an adequate use of the house of God, a building furnished with such magnitude and expense, that it should be open only twice during the week for the worship and service of Almighty God. It cannot be consistent with the concentration of ability in such a Parish that its

great resources should be monopolized and expended within the congregation, and thus largely in the grandeur of the decoration, the luxury of the music, and other adjuncts of this private gratification. I know not how to find a remedy for this, and all in view of it that I can do is, in the name of the wants of immortal humanity; in the name of Him who went about doing good; in the name of the Church, which knows no distinction between her rich and her poor—that in some degree attention should be solemnly drawn to this congregational isolation, to this secluded selfishness, to this condition of all-absorbing private chaplaincies under the name of Rectors of our largest Parishes. I would pray that into such bodies there might be infused a larger-hearted sympathy with the comprehensive wants of the city around them, and of the destitute field within the scope of our Diocesan jurisdiction; and powerful as they are in wealth, honored as they are in their social condition, able as they are with means and minds to direct plans of usefulness and to fill up the measure of the mission expanding for them, that more and more there will be an effort to balance at least the selfish enjoyment and the privileges of their own household affairs that are private to themselves, by a relative sympathy and benevolence for all the claims that are distributed around them.

Public services, it appears to me, should be more frequent through all our Churches than is generally the case. Attention should be paid especially to multiplying the devotional and cultivating the spirit of Daily Prayer, or the observance of the Holy and Saints' Days. The Church is advancing in a truer appreciation of the Holy Communion and reverence for its mystery and gifts. But through our Diocese there is no general

advance in the frequency of the administration of the Lord's Supper. A monthly celebration is the most favorable average. I earnestly exhort the Ministry to a more practical recognition of the Eucharist as the most fervent and solemn of all devotional acts that can be rendered.

Everywhere we have reason to lament the neglect of responses, the irreverence in the want of kneeling, and the carelesness of attitude and manner in our worship. There is need of constant instruction on the solemn dignity of Divine worship and the personal interest of body and soul in it.

I find, also, a want of system in Parochial work. Clerical duty, assiduously as it may be performed, still seems to be deficient in systematic order and application. It is, perhaps, difficult to restrict arrangements of this character to any very defined rule, but, if I may refer to my own Parochial experience for a plan, I think it may be done. One of the great obstacles to the cultivation of system as applied to the Parish, is found in the frequency of the pastoral changes. This renders it, in many of our smaller Parishes, all but impracticable; still, more may be done by recognizing pastoral visiting as a more formal religious act than even our graver social intimacy. There may be the division of the Congregation, according to locality, into sections comprehending a number of families which may conveniently be reached within two or three hours; the appointment of a fixed day in each week to be devoted to this work, and the preparation of the parishioner to expect the visit by the announcement on Sunday of the number of the section. By a simple system of this kind the visit is raised to an official act, and the recipient is prepared to expect it. Attention may be given to the use to be

made of it, conflicting engagements may be modified, disappointment and detention may be spared to the Minister, and a religious directness imparted to the interview, by the devout forethought of all involved. The pastoral intercourse becomes comprehensive and impartial, and a larger time is really reserved for the miscellaneous exigencies of sickness, bereavement or individual anxiety.

The associated labor of parishioners may be organized in guild, or under any other name, bringing them together in union of duty, piety, or sacramental fellowship, and combining, even if few in number, in plans for advancing the Church and doing good within the sphere of its influence. Among the objects before such associations may be mentioned, besides the cultivation of personal knowledge and devotion, influencing others in attention to the Baptismal Sacrament and the duty of Confirmation, and especially as to the solemn duties of the Lord's Supper; to invite and cultivate attendance on Church; to visit the sick and poor; to watch over immigrants and strangers; to act as collectors for the prescribed offerings of the Church, and especially to seek to reclaim the outcast. In many Parishes means should be taken to further Church reading and the lending of books on Church subjects. A subordinate effort, the neglect of which, even to the verge of irreverence and uncleanness, frequently causes me pain, might be suggested in ordering and decorating the Church buildings; and in country places, the improvement of the adjacent ground by the planting of shrubbery and tending the same. Influence should also be exerted to induce a right use of the Church for funerals and other subsidiary purposes; and there should be persons, thus devoting themselves to the cultivation of

a higher tone of Christian conduct, who would make it their duty to attend on such occasions and testify to the sympathy of the Church with those who have suffered bereavement.

The cultivation of music is an object, under the present condition of Divine Worship, of no small importance to the deeper relations of congregational and personal devotion. It is a subject too large for more than the mere mention.

Far more attention should be given than is done to the character of our Sunday School and Parish Libraries. In examining them, and making inquiries about them in my visitations, I am constantly pained to find how inadequate they are for the real purposes of the Church's teaching, which is justly to discriminate her doctrines, principles and worship for the training of her children in honor and truth, and thus enlist the sympathy for the Church of those who seize with so much avidity upon these books as a means of recreation. Another means of doing good is to establish classes for both sexes of a higher kind than the classes in our Sunday Schools. The want of these classes is a great deficiency in our Parochial training. The Pastor should have his class for the History of the Church, or cognate subjects; and I am sure there are Lay men and Lay women of no small number in our Churches who would be competent to undertake the instruction of those who are too old for the Sunday Schools, or, perhaps, advanced to periods of settled life, part of which has been passed in ignorance or neglect, and who might be thus drawn into position not only for their instruction in things pertaining to God, but for consistent personal religion.

It is certain, from the testimony that is obtained from all parts of the Church, that we do not sufficiently

exert ourselves to retain our young people under such influences and such a course of instruction as to bring them to fulfil, in a proper manner, their full obligations to the Church, and remain through their lives its faithful and intelligent members. For all such classes, the Prayer Book should be the full and competent textbook. If that alone were used, there is within its leaves sufficient of the Divine Word, if carefully and lovingly explained and appreciated, with its Church Cycle and Ritual Order, to effect a large reality of spiritual influence, and devout training for the Church, over the mind and heart of the young students.

LAY READERS.

The employment of Lay Readers under the Parochial Clergy is becoming more a matter of attention and interest. As it develops, it will naturally require and originate more definite regulations to direct the personal exertions, and guard against tendencies confusing to the order and authority of the Ministry. It affords, obviously, a means of allowing the settled Pastor opportunity, at intervals, of being absent on Missionary duty, or of spreading the scope of Church services in the town in which his charge is situated. It affords a class of men ready for Missionary work itself, and the beginning of our public worship in new places. But we must regard it in still larger scope, and inculcate, as a solemn duty upon our Laymen—devout and instructed members of the Church—that, if they remove to neighborhoods where the Episcopal service is not known, even if they are alone in the attachment to it, they should at once begin a Church in their own house and feel that they are thus "scattered abroad" for this very witness. When God has vouchsafed to a man membership in His visible and historic Church,

with its Ministry, Liturgy and Sacraments, that disciple should appreciate that he has a call and endowment—a knowledge and trust which cannot be ignored. He must hold it all fast, no matter under what disadvantages. He must let the light shine, even if its range is only the family circle in its seclusion of religious culture and discipline. We have incurred large waste of means and loss of members for want of resolution to act in this spirit and aim. If God sees fit in disaster and social trial to take the Ark from its broad Tabernacle and shut it in the house of Obed Edom, it must be kept and cherished, and there will be a blessing on that house and all pertaining to it. The report of it shall spread, and the treasured casket of the Lord's memorials be borne by and by with gladness to a larger place.

I have ventured to allow Lay Readers, in the settled Parishes and wherever it may be deemed expedient, to use the plain Surplice. The Canon regulating the candidate for Holy Orders in performing the services of the Church, restricts him, among other things, from "assuming the dress peculiar to Clergymen ministering in the Congregation." I do not consider the plain Surplice without the Stole to come within the restriction, because it has been the costume for the Cathedral Choristers since the Reformation in the English Church and now largely in the Parish Churches, while the use of it extends to very subordinate officers in the Western Church before that time, as the Ostiaries, Readers, Exorcists and Acolyths. In our practice, as complying with "decently habited," before ordination the candidate for the Diaconate is in a Surplice; and in the Greek Church, in the act of ordination, the Bishop lays his hand on the head of the Candidate with the "Accipe Spiritum,"

and places a Stole over his left shoulder to mark the separation by Holy Orders. For Laymen not Candidates for Holy Orders, the wearing of the plain Surplice, whether as Lay Reader or Chorister, does not fall necessarily even within the restriction of the Canon.

In the discussion of the subject of Lay Helpers, at Lambeth, when I was present, with the Archbishop and his Comprovincials, the question was asked, after an understanding on all the material points, whether the Lay Helper should wear a Surplice? It was answered at once in the affirmative, as a matter of course, and remark made how strange it would be for the Reader to appear in his common dress, when the boys and men of even village choirs were in Surplices. I do not remember any dissentient opinion.

One of the most successful and devoted Lay Readers in the Diocese thanked me with deep emotion for the privilege in the effect of the dress over his own spirit as a characteristic separation from his secular life, and the Congregation to which he ministers appreciate it in a reflex effect of the same kind.

It is a matter in which I should, of course, yield to any enactment of our General Church disapproving the practice, although, as at present advised, I esteem it a "decent habit" for all officially engaged in the worship of God, and especially when leading the devotions of a Congregation.

CATHEDRAL.

During the year the Choirs of the Cathedral have been vested in surplices, the gifts of two or three individuals. The Chancel has been arranged with proper Choir Stalls, which accommodate, with the Clergy and singers, at least thirty-five. An Organ valued at five thousand dollars is just finished, and in its place in the

Northern Transept. For this we are indebted to a number of special donations. Some have been made with kindness from wealth, and others out of poverty with a loving sacrifice. The children of the Sunday School pledged to it voluntarily a welcome offering. For the skillful management of its grand powers, and for assiduous exertions in collecting the money and superintending the building of it, I am indebted to one of my sons, whose heart God has turned to loving zeal for His house. The builders of it, Messrs. WILLIAM and HENRY PILCHER, are active members of the Church, and to their efforts we owe in large degree the vigorous Parish near the west confine of the city known as "Calvary." They have fulfilled in this noble instrument our expectations, and I am glad to state thus publicly, for the information of the Church, that they are prepared now to execute orders for Church Furniture and Decorations, in addition to their long established hereditary business of Organ building.

A building is in progress, over sixty feet in length by twenty-five in width, which will be arranged—as always designed should be done, though in a more ornate form—to connect with the Church, and affords sittings for a hundred and fifty more worshippers. At the same time it will be the room for the Sunday Schools, for the Cathedral Day School, and other subsidiary purposes.

The congregations are as large as the Church will hold; and very often a portion occupy chairs in the aisles. We suppose that on each Lord's Day we minister to an average of one thousand persons.

The Holy Communion is celebrated weekly; and Daily Prayers morning and evening. The estimated number of Families is three hundred. Fifty-three

Infants have been baptized, and fifteen Adults; total, sixty-eight. There have been twenty-three Marriages and thirty-two Burials. The present number of Communicants recorded is three hundred and sixteen. Fifty have been admitted to their first Reception. Forty-five have received Confirmation in three Public Administrations. In the Cathedral Sunday School there are forty Teachers and three hundred Scholars. The Mission School, which promises to become a permanent Church in a destitute neighborhood, has fifteen Teachers and eighty Scholars. To this Canon DORSET has given his personal attention, while Canon KNOWLES superintends that of the Cathedral. The advance is marked which the children have made in Church music, chanting, and in the trained responses of the Service chorally, and the Easter Celebration, when we had them altogether, presented a beautiful illustration of the refined, churchly training of "these little ones." There is a Bible Class of both sexes, composed of intelligent persons for mutual improvement in God's Word, and a Guild for distributive fulfillment of different works of mercy. The Holy Communion, besides every Sunday, has been celebrated on all Holy Days, making in all—

Morning Prayer on Sunday 52 times, other days daily	366
Evening " " 63 " " " " "	377
Total	743
Sermons	135
Lectures and other Addresses	50
Total	185

Of these I have been enabled myself in the last six months, filling up the interstices of Diocesan visitations, to preach forty.

The Reports made to me by the Reverend Canons

show in addition a considerable amount of Missionary and other work in the city and other places.

Canon DORSET reports twenty-nine times in the year that he has thus supplied vacancies or done Missionary work. In the course of this extraneous ministration, he has administered the Communion twelve times, baptized sixteen children, and married two couples.

Canon KNOWLES has preached twenty times in other places in addition to his regular duty at the Cathedral, "and has answered calls made for Pastoral work in each Division of the city, officiating in various relations in almost every Parish during the absence or indisposition of their respective Rectors." In this class of work all the Cathedral Clergy have participated.

Canon STREET reports a large number of places in all parts of the country while he was traveling for the "American Churchman." But in Chicago, in addition to these, he reports thirty times of performing Divine Service and preaching outside of the Cathedral, and six times in the Diocese. The aggregate of this incidental work of the Cathedral Ministers is seventy-nine services—Communion at least twenty times, Baptism sixteen, and Marriages two. The total thus of statistics of Cathedral ministrations amounts to:

Services	822
Sermons	214
Addresses	50—264
Baptisms—Adults	15
" Infants	69— 84
Marriages	25
Burials	32
Confirmed	45

This is a record highly creditable to my young assistants in the "free and open" area of the Bishop's Church. It represents, however, only a moderate proportion of what could be done if larger pecuniary means

could be secured. The support comes entirely from the free-will offerings of the Lord's Day.

My Diocesan Record embraces this year a period of only six months, and in that time all the duty has been performed.

My visitations have comprised eighty places, in seventy-five of which I have administered Confirmation, in the following order:

Kankakee	11	Danville, second time	3
Immanuel Hall	7	Decatur	4
Waukegan	12	Lacon	3
Tiskilwa	3	Chillicothe	9
Ascension, Chicago	13	Jubilee	2
St. Mark's, Chicago	8	St. John's, Peoria	16
Rockford	14	St. Paul's, Peoria	24
Galena	7	Pekin	25
Atonement, Chicago	18	Sycamore	7
St. Stephen's, Chicago	12	Sterling	3
Christ, Chicago	34	Dixon	5
St. John's, Chicago	26	Peru	2
Grace, Chicago	21	Bloomington	11
St. James', Chicago	18	Springfield	16
Cathedral	21	Jerseyville	5
Marseilles	4	Harlem	10
Ottawa	8	Mendota	2
Geneseo	14	Kewanee	16
Rock Island	11	Warsaw	13
Our Saviour, Chicago	4	Quincy	18
Evanston	4	Elgin	1
Algonquin	5	Dundee	8
Carlinville	9	Aurora	25
Alton	22	Naperville	4
Centralia	4	Lewistown	9
Duquoin	5	Farmington	4
Cairo	17	Jubilee	5
Mound City	11	Wyoming	13
Carlyle	8	Onarga	17
Albion	23	Knoxville	11
Joliet	20	Galesburg	14
Manhattan	3	Kewanee	14
Farm Ridge	6	Cathedral	11
Chesterfield	3	Calvary, Chicago	8
Collinsville	3	IN MISSOURI:	
Bunker Hill	17	Hannibal	17
Cathedral	13	Palmyra	2
Danville	5	Monroe	3

The number of Confirmations—

In Diocese	Public	72	
	Private	7	79
In Missouri	Public	3	
	Private	1	4
	Total		83

The number Confirmed—

In Diocese	789
In Missouri	23

Except twice, I have preached and made addresses on every public occasion of Confirmation, Ordination and Consecration.

Places visited where no Confirmation—Gillespie, St. Ansgarius' Chicago, Geneva, Bement, Brimfield, Jacksonville, Princeton; making the Parishes visited seventy-nine Diocesan; in all, eighty-two.

Sermons, Confirmation Addresses, and Lectures—two hundred and thirty.

The average of work since my return from England has been—a visitation officially nearly every two days; Sermons and Formal Addresses, more than one a day. I have traveled in fulfilling it, within my Diocese, over two thousand miles, and met all my correspondence without drawing upon any assistance, and a large range of official duty and social obligation which claims me at every Parish.

In addition, I have visited Toronto, on the invitation of the esteemed Rector of Holy Trinity, and preached three times for that Congregation on the re-opening of their restored Church, and visited Milwaukee—preaching at the opening of St. James' Church, under charge of Rev. Mr. WILKINSON.

Everywhere, through my Diocese, I have been met and entertained with affectionate courtesy, and in some places been honored with special receptions.

The officers of the railroads have been signally kind in favoring me with "annual passes." I use these for official work, which, by God's blessing, may advance social and moral prosperity. I hope their benefaction has not been without some valuable return.

CLERGY RECEIVED.

The following Clergymen have been received into the Diocese:

The Rev. JOSEPH ADDERLY, from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Pittsburg, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield, and Christ Church, Waverly.

The Rev. STEPHEN T. ALLEN, from Iowa, Rector of Trinity Church, Aurora.

The Rev. FRED. W. BOYD, D. D., from Mississippi, Rector of Grace Church, Galesburg.

The Rev. THOMAS G. CARVER, D. D., from Indiana, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago.

The Rev. ALEXANDER FULLERTON, from Pennsylvania, Rector of Christ Church, Harlem.

The Rev. GEORGE GIBSON, from Wisconsin.

The Rev. GEORGE C. GRISWOLD, from New York, Rector of Trinity Church, Geneseo.

The Rev. EDWARD H. HARLOW, from Massachusetts, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington.

The Rev. WILLIAM J. JOHNSTONE, from Minnesota, Rector of Zion Church, Freeport.

The Rev. WILLIAM Y. JOHNSON, from Iowa, Rector of Trinity Church, Polo.

The Rev. PHILIP MCKIM, from Missouri, Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown.

The Rev. HENRY N. PIERCE, D. D., from Alabama, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

The Rev. H. N. Powers, D. D., from Iowa, Rector of Trinity Church, Rock Island (since Rector of St. John's, Chicago).

The Rev. Charles Ritter, from Michigan, Rector of the Church of our Saviour, Chicago.

The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A. B., from Montreal, Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. J. E. Walton, from Rhode Island, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

The Rev. J. H. Waterman, Deacon, from Kentucky, residing near Morris.

The Rev. William H. Williams, from Connecticut, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Dixon.

The Rev. Henry W. Wood, from Iowa, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chicago.

RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. Gershom P. Waldo, Springfield.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

The following Clergymen have asked and received Letters Dimissory since the last Convention:

The Rev. Hiram W. Beers, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Wisconsin.

The Rev. John W. Clark, to Michigan.

The Rev. Hiram H. Cole, to New York.

The Rev. B. Franklin Fleetwood, to Michigan.

The Rev. Benjamin R. Gifford, to Massachusetts.

The Rev. Robert J. Keeling, to Pennsylvania.

The Rev. Marcus Lane, to Nevada.

The Rev. J. Austin Merrick, to California.

The Rev. W. J. Pigott, to Western New York.

The Rev. William W. Rafter, to Wisconsin.

The Rev. Charles Stewart, to Kentucky.

The Rev. Edmund B. Tuttle, to Nebraska.

CLERGY DECEASED.

The Rev. Dr. McCULLOUGH.

The Rev. JOHN T. WORTHINGTON, D. D., Pittsfield.

DEPOSED.

The Rev. JOHN NIGLAS, M. D., residing in Peoria.

WHOLE NUMBER OF CLERGY, 94; RESIDENT, 1.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

MARCH CHASE, Ordained.

FREDERICK C. WHITEHOUSE, Traveling in Europe.

ALBERT AUGUSTUS FISKE, Nashotah.

JAMES CORNELL, General Theological Seminary, New York.

EDWARD TOLL, Nashotah.

WILLIAM ALLINGTON, Jubilee College.

Present number, 5.

ORDINATIONS—PRIESTHOOD.

In Emmanuel Church, Rockford, on Wednesday, the 1st day of April:

The Rev. CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL, Rector of St. Mary's School, Knoxville; and

The Rev. J. E. WALTON, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford, were admitted to the Holy Order of Priests.

DIACONATE.

In the Cathedral Church, on Friday, the 24th of July, I admitted and ordained

MARCH CHASE to the Order of Deacons.

The candidate was presented by his father, the Rev. Dr. Chase. Also,

In St. Paul's Church, Palmyra, Missouri, on Tuesday, the 7th day of July,

ISAAC MARTIN, M. D., to the Diaconate.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES.

On Monday, April 20th, I dedicated to the service of Almighty God, ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Algonquin.

CORNER STONE LAID.

On Wednesday evening, August 5th, I laid the Corner Stone of TRINITY CHURCH, Geneva.

I have thus rapidly, in an unfinished Address, presented to you some topics which seem to be of distinct importance for thought and action. I have ventured to remind you of the spiritual constitution of an Annual Council, and the elevated duties this imposes in our individual and corporate capacity. The facts have been laid before you of the first instance of the demonstrated unity of the Anglican Communion. I have ventured to speak strongly of the success and influence of the Lambeth Conference in its Resolutions, Encyclical, and the important summaries by its appointed Committees. I have touched on events of my sojourn in England; of the Church Congress, prominent public acts to which I was invited, and incidents in which I was involved. I have glanced at the remains in Holland of the Port Royalists, stigmatized as "Jansenists," and known as the "Catholic Church of the Low Countries," in order to memorate their outspoken defence of the Catholic Faith against Roman Infallibity, and hazard the opinion of the importance on the Reformation of the Western Church of this sturdy protest, and their faithful use of God's Holy Word.

To the Federated Anglican Communion I deem that special subjects are confined, such as the revision of our English Translation of the Bible, the Text of the Creeds, the assimilation of our respective Books of Common Prayer, and the ultimate questions of intercommunion with the old Churches of Christendom.

There may be, in God's Providence, and as indicated by the late Conference, another meeting like the one we have enjoyed, though more ordered and authoritative. It may rise to the weight of a General Council for the Anglican Churches in their world-wide extent, and thus develop with united effort in Missionary and other work.

A restored unity in the broken estate of Christendom is an object of pervading desire and of very distinct recognition in our branch of the Church. This originates many of the questions of the day, and complicates with them, and we are hence exposed to misinterpret their purport and confuse their relations. The Eastern Church is not to be assumed to be identical with the Roman in its doctrines or corruptions. The latter, by the Papal Supremacy and its adjuncts, has chosen a position of heresy and schism to the rest of the Christian world, and cannot recede or reform without subverting this false bond and disintegrating its factitious composition. The Christian bodies around us, with which we agree in so much of an Evangelical truth, are severed from the Church Catholic by several facts of fundamental importance, which to this day are fully and historically retained by nine-tenths of the Christian world. We cannot abandon these; to do so would break our faith with the large portion of Christendom, and by this separation sink ourselves into an inert sect.

It cannot be right to cultivate, as from Christ, a seeming unity which goes on the implied basis that disunion is a normal and satisfactory state of the Christian world. Fusion would be impracticable, and tend to the destruction of both bodies attempting such an unprincipled remedy. It only remains that cultivating more charity and intelligence one with another, the bodies around us should act independently to

remedy the defects in their own peculiar organization, as they may recognize any such, bringing them thus in Ministry, Creeds and Liturgy, in harmony with the Church of the past ages, and thus lifting themselves to the level of a formal Catholicity, where their zeal and love for the spiritual may exert a permeating influence. God will then, in his own way, unite us. It will come, "we know not how."

The changes of the Church in the United States are chronicled, and an appeal offered for that Southern portion of it which for a time was severed from us by the war, and returns to the old fellowship crippled and suffering.

On the state of the Diocese, I report my conviction of growth and strength, but beg to press some sad deficiencies, especially in permanent institutions for Christian education, adequate Church Hospital, Sisterhoods, Parochial Schools, and provision for the orphans and widows of deceased Clergymen.

The organization of Deanries and the appointment of Rural Deans, according to the unanimous resolution of the Convention, has been done and awaits the approving confirmation of this body for a system which will commend itself in due time by its results. This may modify the Missionary Board. The work of that Committee has been diligent and enterprising, but in what have been called "Convocations," may pursue a spasmodic rather than permanent place, and thus unintentionally may impair systematic Parochial charity and overtax the time of the Clergy.

In all pertaining to Church Literature, whether circulated by Colporteurage, in Sunday School Libraries, or efforts of private lending, the books should be clearly and distinctively Churchly, thus supplying a great need

indeed, but one that cannot be met except by our own specific exertions.

For Missionary work, I ask appropriation more directly entrusted to the Bishop as the legitimate dispenser of some means to meet obligations bound upon him by his office, and by the judgment of the whole Church.

Itinerancy, we may hope, will form an effective agency in each Deanry, and be administered with thoughtful arrangement of practicable circuits.

For Parochial improvement, in virtue of my office, I lament the selfish and extravagant position of our larger Churches—the unfrequency of the use of them, and the limited area of aggressive benevolence which they cover. There has seemed to be, as a general observation, a want of system in Parochial work, of Pastoral intercourse, Class instruction, Parish Guilds, and associations for the mutual elevation in the Church life, and the judicious ministering in her good works.

On Lay Readers, I have expressed myself convinced of the growing importance of such agency, and especially urge the bounden duty of the trained disciple of the Church, removing into a neighborhood where the services are not established, to begin the Church in his own house, and employ bravely the calling which God has given him.

The Cathedral presents its record of material growth and free work—an honorable one, I think.

My own Visitation Summaries follow, and I tender them with humble gratitude to Him who has given me strength and will to do it. It embraces, I believe, a larger amount than I have before done within the year, condensed within half that period. The detail has been prepared more at length in selections from my

Diary and its running comment, which is subjoined to this Address.

In the conclusion of the Address, where I am wont naturally to utter word of exhortation and comfort in the consciousness of our mutual needs, I this time present the grand and solemn testimony of seventy-five of my honored Brethren—Fathers in God in the different branches of our Anglican Communion. I wish them to be heard in their own Encyclical, which has been so widely diffused and translated into so many tongues. "For is it indeed a light thing that, at the end of eighteen centuries, seventy-five descendants of the Apostles of THE LAMB, for the most part unknown to one another by face, should meet together here in England and with one mouth put forth before the whole World a Confession of Faith which those Apostles would have recognized as identical in every respect with their own? an Address which their successors for four hundred years would have rejoiced in being permitted to sign? Is it nothing that neither tract of time nor altered circumstances of place; neither the idiosyncrasy of the individual, nor any peculiarities in the race among whom his lot is thrown; neither accidents of education, nor inherited prejudices; neither new modes of popular thought, nor the changed condition of every other science, every other branch of knowledge in the world—should have wrought either jot or tittle of alteration or discrepancy *here?* I freely confess that it is to me a marvel without parallel—a phenomenon which it seems only possible to account for on one theory and to explain in one way."*

* Sermon, Rev. JOHN W. BURGON, M. A., preached in St. Mary the Virgin's, Oxford.

ENCYCLICAL OF LAMBETH CONFERENCE.

"To the faithful in Christ Jesus, the Priests and Deacons, and the Lay Members of the Church of Christ in Communion with the Anglican Branch of the Church Catholic:

"We, the undersigned Bishops, gathered under the good providence of God for prayer and conference at Lambeth, pray for you that ye may obtain grace, mercy and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

"We give thanks to God, brethren beloved, for the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love towards the saints, which hath abounded amongst you; and for the knowledge of Christ which through you hath been spread abroad amongst the most vigorous races of the earth; and with one mouth we make our supplications to God, even the Father, that by the power of the Holy Ghost He would strengthen us with His might, to amend amongst us the things which are amiss, to supply the things which are lacking, and to reach forth unto higher measures of love and zeal in worshipping Him, and in making known His name; and we pray that in His good time He would give back unto His whole Church the Blessed gift of Unity in Truth.

"And now we exhort you in love that ye keep whole and undefiled the faith once delivered to the saints, as ye have received it of the Lord Jesus. We entreat you to watch and pray, and to strive heartily with us against the frauds and subtleties wherewith the faith hath been aforetime and is now assailed.

"We beseech you to hold fast, as the sure word of God, all the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testament; and that by diligent study of these oracles of God, praying in the Holy Ghost, ye seek to know more of the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, very God and very Man, ever to be adored and worshipped, whom they reveal unto us, and of the will of God, which they declare.

"Furthermore, we entreat you to guard yourselves and yours against the growing superstitions and additions with which in these latter days the truth of God hath been overlaid; as otherwise, so especially by the pretension to universal sovereignty over God's heritage asserted for the See of Rome, and by the practical exaltation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as mediator in the place of her Divine Son, and by the addressing of prayers to her as intercessor between God and man. Of such

beware, we beseech you, knowing that the jealous God giveth not His honor to another.

"Build yourselves up, therefore, beloved, in your most holy faith; grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Show forth before all men by your faith, self-denial, purity, and godly conversation, as well as by your labors for the people amongst whom God hath so widely spread you, and by the setting forth of His Gospel to the unbelievers and the heathen, that yè are indeed the servants of Him who died for us to reconcile His Father to us, and to be a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

"Brethren beloved, with one voice we warn you: the time is short; the Lord cometh; watch and be sober. Abide steadfast in the Communion of Saints, wherein God hath granted you a place. Seek in faith for oneness with Christ in the blessed Sacrament of His body and blood. Hold fast the Creeds and the pure worship and order, which of God's grace ye have inherited from the Primitive Church. Beware of causing divisions contrary to the doctrine ye have received. Pray and seek for unity amongst yourselves, and amongst all the faithful in Christ Jesus; and the good Lord make you perfect, and keep your bodies, souls and spirits until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Signed)

C. T. Cantuar.
M. G. Armagh.
R. C. Dublin.
A. C. London.
C. R. Winton.
C. St. David's.
J. Lichfield.
S. Oxon.
Thomas Vowler St. Asaph.
A. Llandaff.
John Lincoln.
W. K. Sarum.
John T. Norwich.
J. C. Bangor.
H. Worcester.
C. J. Gloucester and Bristol.
E. H. Ely.
William Chester.
T. L. Rochester.
Horace Sodor and Mann.
Samuel Meath.
H. Kilmore.
Charles Limerick Ardfert and Aghadoe.

Robert Eden, D. D., Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Primus.
Alexander Ewing, Bishop of Argyll and the Isles.
Charles Wordsworth, D. C. L., Bishop of St. Andrew's, Dunkeld, and Dunblane.
Thos. G. Suther, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney.
William S. Wilson, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway.
Thomas B. Morrell, Coadjutor Bishop of Edinburgh.

F. Montreal, Metropolitan of Canada.
G. A. New Zealand, Metropolitan of New Zealand.
R. Capetown, Metropolitan of South Africa.
Aubrey G. Jamaica.
T. Barbados.
J. Bombay.
H. Nova Scotia.
F. T. Labuan.
H. Grahamstown.
H. J. C. Christchurch.

Matthew Perth.
Benj. Huron.
W. W. Antigua.
E. H. Sierra Leone.
T. N. Honolulu.
J. T. Ontario.
J. W. Quebec.
W. J. Gibraltar.
H. L. Dunedin.
Edward, Bishop Orange River Free State.
A. N. Niagara.
William George Tozer, Missionary Bishop.
James B. Kelly, Coadjutor of Newfoundland.
S. Angl. Hierosol.

H. J. Whitehouse, Bishop of Illinois.
Thomas Atkinson, Bishop of North Carolina.
Henry W. Lee, Bishop of Iowa.
Horatio Potter, Bishop of New York.
Thomas M. Clark, Bishop of Rhode Island.
Alexander Gregg, Bishop of Texas.
W. H. Odenheimer, Bishop of New Jersey.
G. T. Bedell, Assistant Bishop of Ohio.
Henry C. Lay, Missionary Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory.
Jos. C. Talbot, Assistant Bishop of Indiana.
Richard H. Wilmer, Bishop of Alabama.
Charles Todd Quintard, Bishop of Tennesese.
John B. Kerfoot, Bishop of Pittsburg.
J. P. B. Wilmer, Bishop of Louisiana.
C. M. Williams, Missionary Bishop to China.

John H. Hopkins, Presiding Bishop of Pr. Ep. Church in the United States.
Chas. P. McIlvaine, Bishop of Ohio.
Manton Eastburn, Bishop of Massachusetts.
J. Payne, Bishop of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent.

J. Chapman, Bishop.
George Smith, late Bishop of Victoria (China).
David Anderson, late Bishop of Rupert's Land.
Edmund Hobhouse, by Bishop of New Zealand."

[The Convention voluntarily rose and remained standing during the reading of the Encyclical.]

SELECTIONS FROM MY DIARY.

I commence these Selections from my Diary with the first public services after my return, on Sunday, the 23d of February. On that day, I preached in the Cathedral in the morning, baptized three children, and in the evening preached again.

On Wednesday, the 26th of February, Ash Wednesday, again preached in the Cathedral.

On Friday, the 28th of February, commenced, in the Cathedral, a course of lectures on "The Cloud of Witnesses," which, with the necessary interruptions of visitation, has just been completed.

On Sunday, March 1st, preached and administered the Holy Communion in the Cathedral. In the afternoon, also, made an address on the "Anglican Communion."

On Wednesday, the 4th of March, I conducted the services at Metropolitan Hall, making there an address. These services had been instituted during the season of Lent, and were sustained regularly by the voluntary efforts of the Clergy of the city. I am glad to say that they were well attended.

On Friday, the 6th of March, I again lectured on "The Cloud of Witnesses."

On Sunday, the 8th of March, made a visitation to Kankakee, where I confirmed nine persons; afterwards confirmed two persons, sick, and in the evening made an address, by request, on the "Lambeth Conference." This Parish is doing nobly in its efforts for the Church education of its young members, in the establishment of a School for comprehensive instruction, which opens, I am informed, with one hundred and twenty-five scholars.

On Tuesday, the 10th of March, at the request of the Clergy of the city, I delivered, in Trinity Church, Chicago, before a large congregation, an address on the "Lambeth Conference."

On Friday, the 13th of March, lectured upon the Course, in the Cathedral.

On Sunday, March 15th, preached in the Cathedral in the morning; in the afternoon, made an address on the "Lambeth Conference" and the Encyclical of that body; in the evening, lectured on the appointed Course.

On Monday, March 16th, visited Immanuel Hall, where I confirmed seven; preached and made an address, and enjoyed the satisfaction of finding this valuable instrument of Christian education fulfilling its duties in an effective manner.

On Tuesday, March 17th, in the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, at request from the Rector and Vestry, made an address on the "Lambeth Conference," at which the Encyclical Letter was read, and the Congregation voluntarily rose when this was done.

Wednesday, March 18th, at his own request—renouncing the Ministry—I Deposed, before proper witnesses, in the Cathedral, the Rev. JOHN NIGLAS, M. D., and issued the proper notice of such Deposition required by the Canon.

On Friday, March 20th, lectured again at the Cathedral, in Course.

On Sunday, March 22d, made a visitation to Waukegan; preached in the morning. In the afternoon confirmed twelve, with an address. Baptized one infant, at request of the Rector, and in the evening made an address on the Anglican Communion in its relations to the Lambeth Conference.

On Wednesday, March 25th, visited Tiskilwa. The day was inclement, and the congregation reduced in consequence. I preached, confirmed three, and made an address. This was my first service in the new Church which, with large sacrifices, they have erected. They have long been provided with a Parsonage. On Friday, March 27th, lectured again in the Cathedral.

On Sunday, March 29th, visited in the morning the Church of the Ascension, Chicago. Preached and confirmed thirteen, and in the evening visited St. Mark's. Preached and confirmed eight. This Church is now under the Pastorship of the Rev. H. W. WOOD. They have a good, permanent Church edifice and Parsonage, situated in a flourishing neighborhood.

On Tuesday, March 31st, arrived at Rockford, where service was held in the evening, and I made an address on the Lambeth Conference.

On Wednesday, April 1st, the day appointed for the Ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev. J. E. WALTON, Rector elect of that Church, and the Rev. C. W. LEFFINGWELL, that service was duly performed. The sermon was by the Rev. Dr. CARVER. The Rev. Messrs. EDSON and FITCH assisted in the service. In the evening I preached, and confirmed fourteen.

Thursday, April 2d, visited Galena. Service was held in the

evening, and an address on the Lambeth Conference on Friday; and services again in the evening, when I confirmed seven, and addressed the Candidates.

On Sunday, April 5th—Palm Sunday—an appointment for the visitation of St. James' Church, Chicago, was, in consequence of a mistake, postponed, and I administered the Holy Communion at the Cathedral. In the evening visited the Church of the Atonement; preached and confirmed eighteen, with an address to the Candidates. Since that time this Church has suffered the loss by fire of its buildings, but in consequence of the insurance, and vigorous effort on the part of the congregation, it is now rebuilding, with largely increased accommodations.

Monday, April 6th, visited the Swedish Church, St. Ansgarius; preached and confirmed nine.

On April 7th—Tuesday before Easter—visited Calvary Church; preached and confirmed fourteen. This young Parish engages the services of the Rev. Mr. SNYDER, and is progressing healthily under his administration.

On Wednesday before Easter, April 8th, officiated in St. Stephen's Church; in the evening preached, confirmed twelve, and made an address. I found there a large and attentive congregation. They were about to remove their Church building to another lot, which they have accomplished, but I regret to say that their energetic Rector, the Rev. Mr. GIBSON, has since resigned his position.

Thursday before Easter, April 9th, visited Christ Church, Chicago, where the large number of thirty-four were presented for confirmation, and where I preached. This vigorous congregation have found it necessary to enlarge their Church edifice, which in the commencement was considered so great an undertaking as probably to cripple them for many years to come. The debt upon it has been entirely paid, and the whole administration financially is in a successful form.

April 10th—Good Friday—officiated at St. John's Church in the morning, and preached, confirming there twenty-six. Preached again in the evening at Grace Church, where I confirmed twenty-one—probably the last confirmation in the temporary building in which that strong congregation has developed itself, and which it will soon leave for the large and elegant stone structure which they are erecting for their use upon Wabash Avenue.

On Saturday, Easter Even, preached in the Cathedral. In the evening visited St. James', where I preached and made an address to the Candidates, in confirming eighteen.

On Easter Sunday, April 12th, the services throughout at the Cathedral were interesting and impressive. I preached in the morning and confirmed twenty-one. In the afternoon presided at the Anniversary of the Sunday School of the Cathedral, making to them an address.

On Tuesday, April 14th, visited Marseilles, where the Rev. ERASTUS DEWOLF is, with zeal and tact, planting a Church. I preached and confirmed four, with an address to the Candidates, and subsequently made an address to the congregation in relation to the zeal and efforts which they had displayed on behalf of the Church.

On Wednesday, April 15th, visited Ottawa; preached in the evening and confirmed eight.

On Thursday morning, the 16th, there was service again in the Church, on which occasion I baptized an infant child of the Rector and made an address upon that Sacrament. The same day, in the afternoon, went to Geneseo, where I preached in the evening and confirmed fourteen. This Congregation, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. GRISWOLD, is advancing in numbers and order.

On Friday, April 17th, was at Rock Island. Rev. Mr. BROOKE, of Davenport, who has for some time supplied, to their great satisfaction, that Congregation, met me and assisted me in the services. I preached and confirmed eleven. They are prepared at that place to erect a larger and more substantial Church.

On Sunday, April 19th, I preached in the morning for the Congregation of "Our Saviour," situated in the extreme Northern part of this city. The work at present is entirely Missionary. A great effort will be necessary to gather sufficient strength to carry it to its formation. I confirmed four. In the afternoon I passed to Evanston and preached and confirmed four, and, in the evening, made an address, by request, on the Lambeth Conference, to a large and miscellaneous congregation.

April 20th, I went to Dundee, for the purpose of Consecrating, on Tuesday, the Church at Algonquin, which holy service was duly fulfilled—preaching on the occasion, confirming five and baptizing an infant child of Mr. ARVEDSON, the devoted Missionary, to whom the origin of the Churches at both Algonquin and Dundee are, under God, due.

On Thursday, April 23d, being St. George's Day, and according to request made to me by the St. George's Society, I held, for them, religious services in the Cathedral, and delivered to them an address. This was the first instance in which this large society had availed themselves of this religious mode of celebrating the festival of their patron

Saint, but, from the kind testimony expressed of the effect of these services, I am satisfied it will pass into a usual form for that commemoration.

Having been telegraphed of the decease of the Right Reverend Doctor HAWKS, Bishop of Missouri, with a request that I would attend and deliver the funeral address, I went to St. Louis, on Friday, April 24th, to fulfill the very sad duty, which I did by the sermon and uniting with my Right Reverend brethren, the Bishops of Iowa and Kansas, in the Burial Offices. Leaving St. Louis, I went, on Saturday, to Carlinville, where the Rev. Mr. ABBOTT, Rural Dean of that Deanry, joined me. A new Church, erected there by the energetic Rector, had been opened for Divine Services, but it is not yet consecrated. In the morning, we held a meeting of the Sunday School, in which, in addition to my own address, several others were made by the Clergy present. In the afternoon, though the weather was rainy, there was a good congregation. I preached and confirmed nine, and left with the evening train for Alton, and there fulfilled the services on Sunday, April 26th, which consisted of the Morning Services, at which I preached and confirmed twenty-two and administered the Holy Communion. In the evening, preached again to a large congregation. This Parish, under its present administration, is vigorous, to a degree beyond anything in its past history, and, under the Decanal system is co-operating with the zealous Rector in Missionary work.

On Monday, the 27th, returned to St. Louis for the purpose of attending the Delegate Meeting of the Missionary Board, which had been appointed at that city, on which I was there four days of that week. At all of these meetings I presided, and availed myself of the opportunity of making opening and closing addresses, as well as enjoying the privilege of hearing several able discussions on subjects previously arranged, and of witnessing an impression upon the members of the Church in that place which I have scarcely before seen equaled. I must record, in connection with it, my grateful sense of the kindest personal attentions and hospitality.

On Thursday, April 30th, accompanied by the Rev. Mr. PORTMESS, went to Centralia, where the Rev. PHILIP A. JOHNSON is now temporarily acting as Missionary. I baptized there a gentleman, who came in from the neighborhood, and confirmed four—preaching and making the usual address.

From Centralia I went, on Friday, May 1st, to Duquoin, which at the time was deprived of its Missionary. I performed the services alone, confirmed five and preached, and addressed the Candidates. The next morning, at a private house, baptized seven children.

From there I went to Cairo, where on Sunday morning I preached, confirmed seventeen, and administered the Holy Communion to a very large and crowded congregation. This Church is in vigorous condition under the Pastorship of the Rev. Mr. Coe. In the afternoon, a small boat having been provided for the purpose, in company with a number of Church members of Cairo I went to Mound City, where I preached in the evening, confirmed eleven, and after service baptized an infant, returning in the evening to Cairo. There is activity and influence in this new Parish.

From Cairo I went to fulfill an appointment at Carlisle, where Church Services had never before been held, and where some zealous ladies, appreciating an opening, had requested me to come.

I officiated on Tuesday, the 5th, by devoting the morning to the preparation of a number of Candidates for baptism and confirmation, as far as the time allowed. In the afternoon I baptized three adults and eleven children, confirmed eight persons, and administered the Communion to fifteen, with an address on the three services. In the evening there was Divine Service and a sermon. The whole was interesting, and very promising for the planting of a Church successfully in that beautiful town. The contributions of pecuniary aid were made by several persons with liberality for present need, and offers prospective for a Church Building.

From that place I went, May 6th, to Albion — the extreme southern part of my Diocese, and access to which it was difficult to gain except by a long ride over very bad roads — remaining there three days.

On Thursday, the 7th, I commenced services by preaching in the morning. In the afternoon the children of the Parish were collected for an address and instruction, and in the evening I preached again and confirmed twenty-two. The Church was crowded, and very great attention manifested in the services. The state of the Parish is highly encouraging — never before in my observation so much so. Had I been able to stay there a few days longer, at least an equal number to those presented would have come forward for confirmation. I visited also a sick man, and confirmed him during the afternoon.

On Friday, May 8th, on request, I baptized an infant child and an adult, the father of the infant.

On May 10th, returning to Chicago, I officiated in the morning at the Cathedral, and in the evening enjoyed the opportunity of continuing my lectures on "The Cloud of Witnesses."

On Tuesday, May 12th, visited Joliet, an appointment made for Lockport having been postponed, by the request of the Rector, in

consequence of his sickness. I preached and confirmed twenty in the well-ordered and flourishing Parish of the Rev. Mr. GILBERT.

On Wednesday, through a heavy storm, went, accompanied by him, to Manhattan, where twenty-five assembled in the rural Church notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, and three were presented for confirmation by Rev. Mr. COWELL, who resides at Lockport, and officiates fortnightly in this rural Parish. I preached and made the usual address.

May 14th, while on my way to Farm Ridge, passing through Ottawa, I visited and addressed the Parochial School attached to Christ Church, which, I am glad to say, is in effective operation, promoting the interests largely of that important Parish. Beautiful plans have been procured and adopted for a stone Church to replace the existing inadequate building. The services at Farm Ridge were held at three o'clock, where I preached and confirmed six.

On Sunday, May 17th, preached in the morning at the Cathedral, and in the afternoon continued my prescribed Course of Lectures. Assisted in the services again in the evening.

On May 18th, officiated at Chesterfield — preaching and confirming three.

On Wednesday, passed on to Collinsville, held services, preached and confirmed three.

On the following morning, at the same place, I attended the funeral of a child at which I made an address; drove from there to St. Louis, and passed on to Bunker Hill, where I preached in the evening in a large hall used by the congregation for their worship, which was quite full. Confirmed seventeen — a remarkable class for their refinement, appearance and manner. In several instances, parents and children were confirmed together.

From there, I passed on to Gillespie, where there were no Candidates; but I had an opportunity of preaching in the Church to a fair congregation. This place has been for some months without permanent services, but is anxious to secure a Minister, to whom competent support can be afforded if he will take charge of a family school.

On Sunday, May 24th, held a Confirmation in the Cathedral, when thirteen were admitted to that rite. In the afternoon, continued the series of discourses.

On Wednesday, the 27th, by way of Springfield, reached Bement, where I had appointed services; but, in consequence of the weather, they could not take place. There are only two or three Episcopalians now in this town. From there I passed to Danville, where I preached and

confirmed five, only a portion of a class, the rest being prevented from attending by the inclemency of the weather. In the morning, at the same Church, I again held services and confirmed three — preaching on the occasion — thus making the whole number eight. From there, traveled to Decatur, and, in the evening, preached there and confirmed four.

On Sunday, May 31st, preached in the Cathedral — administered the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, discoursed, in order, on "The Cloud of Witnesses."

Monday, June 1st, visited Lacon; held an evening service, preached and confirmed three.

Tuesday, June 2d, had been appointed as a day for the Consecration of the Church which had been erected at Chillicothe, with great resolution, by a small flock, but, in consequence of the absence of important papers affecting the title for the donation, that service could not take place. The ordinary services, however, were held. I preached and confirmed nine — being a portion of a class who were incidentally at the Church. More had been prepared and expected to present themselves for the ordinance. Several of the neighboring Clergy were present with me on this occasion: Rev. Messrs. ROBERTS and BENSON, of Peoria; McGOWAN, of Lacon; McKIM, of Lewistown; with Mr. CHAMBERLAINE, of the Mission.

On Wednesday, June 3d, officiated in the Chapel of Jubilee College, where I preached and confirmed two. In the afternoon, rode to Brimfield and preached; but there was no confirmation. This is one of the Missionary posts supplied by the Rev. Mr. BENEDICT.

On Thursday, June 4th, I had an opportunity, before leaving, of meeting the scholars at the College and making to them an address after Divine Service.

At Peoria, I visited St. John's Church — a thriving work of the Rev. Mr. BENSON, and which has been largely sustained by the liberality of the older Congregation. I preached and confirmed sixteen, and two afterwards who were sick, in private, making the number eighteen. In the evening, confirmed twenty-four in St. Paul's Church and made the usual address. The Church, beautifully decorated with flowers, was, notwithstanding the rain, crowded.

On Friday, June 5th, after holding a private confirmation of a sick person, went, accompanied by the Peoria Clergy, to Pekin, where I preached, and confirmed two — again in private, in consequence of mortal sickness — and nineteen after public evening service — in all, twenty-one.

On Sunday, the 7th, in consequence of the absence of the Rector, I was requested to preach at Christ Church, in Chicago; which duty

I fulfilled with great pleasure. In the afternoon, officiated and preached at the Cathedral. In the evening, read prayer.

On Monday, June 8th, visited Sycamore; preached and confirmed seven, with an address. Some from the neighboring town of DeKalb were present. An organization has taken place in that village, with considerable promise of success, under Dr. CUSHMAN, who renders their services a portion of every Sunday. Among the number of Lay persons engaged in it is the son of the late Hon. JOHN C. SPENCER, early and honorably known for his long years of devoted service for the Church in the Diocese of New York.

On Tuesday, June 9th, at Sterling, service was held in the evening, when I preached and confirmed three. On this occasion the Sunday School was assembled for Divine Service before the chancel, and I had an opportunity of saying words of kindness and counsel to the children thus gathered. The Church edifice at this place is a fine one, and seems to be promising for a permanent and large, advantageous influence throughout the neighborhood.

On Wednesday returned to Dixon. The Rev. Mr. WILLIAMS, from Connecticut, who had recently accepted its Rectorship, had unfortunately been sick, but notwithstanding the shortness of the time and this impediment, succeeded in presenting a class for confirmation necessarily limited in number, being five, to whom I administered the rite and made an address.

Thursday, the 11th, at Peru, services were held in the evening, with a sermon and confirmation of two. Afterwards held a meeting with the Vestry on the payment of the Church debt, and the removal of some other impediments to the growth of that Parish. I am thankful to say that plans were proposed and met with promises for the fulfillment of these objects.

On Friday, the 12th, I visited Bloomington, of which important Parish the Rev. Dr. MORRISON, from Jacksonville, has become Rector. Preached there, to a good congregation, in the place of worship which they purchased and have occupied for some time, and which promises soon to be replaced by one more equivalent to the life, strength and influence of the Congregation. I there confirmed eleven.

Sunday, June 14, was spent at Springfield, where I preached in the morning of a very hot day. In the evening, made an address on the "Lambeth Conference" and confirmed sixteen. I have to record, on the evening of the next day, the privilege I enjoyed of a kind reception at the house of Mr. NINIAN EDWARDS, where I had the pleasure of meeting a large proportion of the members of the Church and other

prominent citizens. In consequence of the lameness of my back, from a strain in getting from a car, I was compelled to omit an appointment for Tuesday, at Pittsfield, being unable to bear the jolting on the road necessary to reach that place. It became, however, to me a subject of lasting regret, for, as I afterwards learned, the Rev. Dr. WORTHINGTON, an old Clergyman of the Diocese, lay, at the time, on his dying bed, and went to his rest on Monday. At the funeral, on Tuesday, there was no Episcopalian Clergyman present to render the last rites to our respected brother.

From Springfield, Wednesday, the 17th, I went to Jacksonville and officiated there on Thursday, the 18th, in the Church, so thoroughly repaired and beautified. The Rev. Mr. FOSTER, of Kalamazoo, and the Rev. Dr. REYNOLDS, of Warsaw, met me at the time in that vast Parish, and assisted in the services. I preached, but there was no confirmation, in consequence of a vacancy in the Parish.

On Friday, the 19th of June, I visited Jerseyville, where, through the exertions of the neighboring Clergy, especially that of the Rural Dean, Mr. ABBOTT, a more vigorous beginning has been made for the Church. The people are zealous, active and liberal; and I cannot doubt that there will soon be established there a sterling congregation and a proper edifice erected. I preached and confirmed five.

On Saturday, returned to Chicago, and on Sunday, the 21st preached in the Cathedral in the morning. In the afternoon I visited the beautiful little Church erected at Harlem, of which the Rev. Mr. FULLERTON has become Rector. Confirmed there ten; preached and addressed the Candidates.

On Tuesday, June 23d, visited the new Missionary station at Mendota, where I preached in the evening and confirmed two, sisters. The progress of the Church here is not marked, but far from discouraging. It is supplied every fortnight by the Rev. Mr. RUSSELL, of Galva.

On Wednesday, the 24th, went on to Princeton, where I found furnished a Church edifice of size and beauty, which has been erected by that small Congregation with remarkable liberality and sacrifice. I read prayers and preached there, but there was no confirmation. The Rev. Mr. NASH, of Tiskilwa, supplies the place on the afternoons of Sunday, but he had gone to Davenport to attend an Examination of the College there, in consequence of having a son in that institution.

June 25th, visited Kewanee; preached and confirmed sixteen, leaving in the evening train for Chicago, where I arrived and left the next day for Toronto, accompanied by the Rev. Messrs. STREET and KNOWLES, to attend the opening services of the Church of the Holy Trinity,

under the Rectorship of an old friend the Rev. Mr. DARLING, who kindly invited me to preach on the occasion. This I fulfilled on Sunday, the 28th; preached again in the evening, and repeated the same service on Monday evening.

On Tuesday, after a delightful visit, returned to Chicago, where I arrived on Wednesday.

On Friday, July 3d, I was at Warsaw, where I preached and confirmed thirteen, but was disappointed to find that, in consequence of the celebration of the Fourth of July, it would be impossible to obtain the necessary conveyance to proceed to Mendon, where my next appointment had been made. It is a subject of regret at any time to interrupt the line of appointment, and it was peculiarly so to me on this occasion, on account of the fidelity of that little Congregation to their Church services and duties, isolated as they are by their situation, and for such long periods deprived of any regular ministrations. Dr. REYNOLDS now ministers to them.

On Saturday, July 4th, I arrived in Quincy, where, through the kindness of the Rector, a large reception was prepared for me, which was largely attended by the members of the Church and other citizens. The Church at this place has, by the most liberal outlay on the part of the Congregation and energy on the part of its Rector, become one of the largest and most ornate in the Diocese. Although so large a sum as $25,000 has been raised and expended in its improvement, I found no symptom of exhaustion, but a resolute purpose of future advancement. I preached in the morning and confirmed eighteen, and afterwards a sick lady, making nineteen. In the evening there was an address, by request, on the Lambeth Conference.

On Monday, the 6th, I passed, according to previous appointment, into the orphaned Diocese of Missouri, and performed services at Hannibal and some adjacent places on that railroad. In the evening I arrived and found myself advertised for an address on Catholic Unity as connected with the Lambeth Conference, which I fulfilled, confirming at the same time seventeen.

On Tuesday, July 7th, I passed on to Palmyra by the early train, where the College is situated, so long under the charge of the Rev. Dr. CORBYN. We had in its chapel, now used as a Parish Church, interesting services. Several Clergy were present. Dr. ISAAC MARTIN, a Candidate for Orders, was presented, and I admitted and ordained him to the office of Deacon. I preached a sermon on the occasion. The Candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. CORBYN and the Rev. Mr. SCHEETZ.

Into the Parish of the latter gentleman, at Monroe, I passed for the next day's service. Before morning services, I went into the country a mile and a half to confirm a sick man. Had service in the Church, where I preached and confirmed three, with an address.

Sunday, July 12th, was spent at Elgin and Dundee. The first named place has been entirely in charge, as Lay Reader, of Col. J. F. BEATY, who, notwithstanding the arduous labors of his office in the Board of Trade, and health not always competent to the duty, has given himself with earnest consecration to the work which has been blessed to a large degree by God, and has secured a very grateful acceptance from the Episcopalians in that town. Through his exertions, it can not be doubted that the Church will be permanently founded and developed there. The success illustrates by another instance how much wise and prudent Laymen can do for the Church's progress, when deeply imbued with the Church's spirit, and in Christian humility working in her behalf. I preached in this place in the Hall ordinarily used, and now exclusively, for worship, confirmed one and made an address, and administered the Holy Communion. Several other Candidates were proposed, but, from a variety of causes, were prevented from attending. In the afternoon, I rode to Dundee, where I preached and made an address on Confirmation; administered the rite to eight, and three the Holy Communion. In the evening, I married the daughter of the Rev. Mr. ARVEDSON. In connection with the public religious service, I made an address suitable to the rite then celebrated.

Sunday, July 19th, was spent at Aurora and Naperville. In the former, I preached and confirmed twenty-five. The Rev. Mr. ALLEN, the former Rector, has returned to the Church, from Iowa, and it is an important point. The situation of the Church edifice is unfavorable and advance is made toward the erection of another upon the East side of the river, to which the large works of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad give great importance. The field is very large, not only for regular services, but for Missionary work in the towns and neighborhoods. I felt that both Rector and Congregation were awake to the importance of vigorously pursuing it. The Rev. Mr. CHAMBERS, from Naperville, came to carry me to that place, where, in the evening, I preached and confirmed four.

On Friday, the 24th, I held an Ordination in the Cathedral, at which MARCH CHASE, son of the Reverend Doctor CHASE, and a late student and graduate of the General Seminary, was ordained to the Diaconate. I preached on the occasion, and a number

of Clergymen were present. The Candidate was presented by his honored father.

On Saturday, July 25th, I had the privilege of attending the opening of the beautiful Church of St. James, at Milwaukee, erected under the Rectorship, and largely through the exertions of the Rev. JOHN WILKINSON, formerly my own assistant in Cathedral work. I preached the sermon on the occasion, assisting, also, the venerable Bishop KEMPER in the Holy Communion. Afterwards, at a lunch, by special request, I made an address embracing the different subjects of Catholic Unity connected with my two visits to Europe.

On Sunday, July 26th, I preached in the morning in the Cathedral, and in the evening also, continuing on that occasion the course of sermons before enumerated.

On Friday, the 31st of July, I received a telegram informing me that Mr. ANTRIM CAMPBELL, of Springfield, so long known and esteemed in the work of the Diocese and in that of the Parish, lay on his deathbed, and in consequence of the absence of the Rector, I immediately left to minister to him as far as my ability went. In that solemn hour his calm mind and faith made the visit as profitable to myself as it could have been to him; but in it I enjoyed the privilege of once more meeting one whom I had so much esteemed in life, and whom the Church has so much cause to regret.

On Sunday, August 2d, I visited the Swedish Church of St. Ansgarius on its re-opening after extended repairs. These repairs have been well done, and the building is now in a better state to receive the large accession which, I am happy to say, are coming out both from Swedes long resident here and the number of emigrants coming to and remaining in our city. In the evening I preached again at the Cathedral, and on Tuesday I attended the funeral of a child at the Cathedral.

On Wednesday, August 5th, I went to Genevâ to lay the Cornerstone of St. Mark's Church in that beautiful town. The present Rector there is the Rev. WILLIAM GREENE. I made an address in the open air to a large assemblage just after the sun set, when all around seemed quiet and harmonious with the services.

On Saturday, August 8th, I left for Lewistown, where I officiated on Sunday in the morning and preached in the afternoon, making an address on the Anglican Communion and administering the Sacrament of adult baptism. In the evening I delivered an address on Confirmation, on which occasion I confirmed nine, afterwards addressing the Candidates themselves. The Rev. Mr. MCKIM is the Rector at Lewistown, transferred to me from the Diocese of Missouri. His letters

of transfer were the last to which the much lamented head of that Diocese affixed his signature. Mr. McKim is an accession to our own working body, and appreciated by the Parish in which God has placed him.

At Farmington, evening service was held, where I preached and confirmed four, and made an address to the Candidates. This Parish, very weak in its resources, and with small opportunities of advance, is mainly upheld by the zeal and piety of a few. It is supplied by the Rev. Mr. Bruce, resident at Lewistown.

On Tuesday I again visited the Clergy at Jubilee. We had service at four o'clock, at which I preached and confirmed five.

The next day, accompanied by Dr. Chase and the Rev. Mr. Benedict, who has been the faithful Minister of the Congregation, I visited Wyoming, where service was held in the afternoon. Thirteen were presented for confirmation, among whom were three generations kneeling together and five husbands with their wives. I was driven late in the evening to Galva, which I reached at 11 o'clock P. M., in time to take the train and return to the city.

On Sunday, August 16th, I preached in the Cathedral, and in the evening again.

On Sunday, the 23d, I preached in the Cathedral. In the afternoon baptized, by request, a child, and in the evening preached again — a continuation of the same series of discourses.

On Tuesday, August 25th, visited Onarga for the first time, and officiated in the small but appropriate Church erected by that Congregation. The services which they have enjoyed have been rendered by the Rev. Philander Chase, from Robin's Nest. They are now prepared, however, to call a Minister, who will find there a promising field, and around him large opportunities for missionary work on the Illinois Central Railroad. I preached, made an address, and confirmed seventeen during my visit.

Sunday, August 30th, I preached, morning and evening, in the Cathedral, and, on Monday night, left for Knoxville to attend the opening of the term of St. Mary's Hall, our institution for female education, established by the Rev. Mr. Leffingwell. The large hall of the institution was well filled on the occasion; and, after appropriate religious services and address by the Rector, I, myself, made an address on the subject of Christian Education, especially for the daughters of the Church, for whom that institution was designed. In the afternoon I preached and confirmed eleven in the new Church building which has been erected in that little town. The Parish, at present, is under

the charge of Rev. Mr. LEFFINGWELL, and in the services of which he can be assisted by such Clerical assistants as may be connected with St. Mary's. In the evening of the same day, I officiated at Galesburg. For the Rectorship of this Parish, Reverend Doctor BOYD, has been transferred from Mississippi. The Church is now in good order, and having thus, in God's Providence, secured one so well known as the present Rector for his zeal and ability, offers promise for the future, perhaps, beyond any in its previous history. I there confirmed fourteen—good first fruits of the short ministry which Doctor BOYD has been enabled to cast among them.

On Wednesday, I made a second visitation at the Church at Kewanee, officiating there in the morning and finding, by the zeal of his Rectorship, a second class ready for confirmation, embracing fourteen persons. I preached and made to them the usual closing address.

On Thursday, September 3, I went to Naperville for the marriage of the daughter of a friend—an active officer of that thriving Parish.

Sunday, September 6th, preached in Cathedral and administered the Holy Communion.

Sunday, 13th, preached again in the morning, and in the afternoon held the Supplementary Confirmation, on which occasion eleven were confirmed for the Cathedral, and eight for Calvary—presented by the Rector, the Rev. A. W. SNYDER. The Bishop of Georgia was present with me on the occasion, and our valuable new organ was used for the first time.

Yesterday (Tuesday), the 15th, I officiated at the opening services of the Convention and administered the Holy Communion to the large number of assembled Clergy and Laity. The solemnity and beauty were largely promoted by the kind attention of the Clergy in wearing their Surplices and sustaining, effectively, the musical services. We have reason to remember it as a very impressive scene and a devout fulfillment of our common worship.

Thus ends my running record of the last six months of Diocesan work. It is inseparable from a certain amount of monotony and egoism, but is not without its import in promoting intelligent sympathy and fellowship.

APPENDIX—I.

In accordance with a Resolution found on page fifty-nine, Journal of Thirtieth Annual Convention, in which the Diocese recognized and adopted the system of RURAL DEANRIES as set forth by the Bishop in his Address, he, in compliance therewith, has apportioned the Diocese into seven Ruri-Decanal Districts, and appointed therein RURAL DEANS, as follows:

THE NORTHERN DEANRY, consisting of the Counties of Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Winnebago, Boone, McHenry, Lake, Carroll, Ogle, DeKalb, Kane, Cook, DuPage, Whiteside, and Lee.

RURAL DEAN—The Rev. JOSEPH H. RYLANCE, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago.

THE NORTH WESTERN DEANRY, consisting of the Counties of Rock Island, Henry, Bureau, Mercer, Knox, Stark, Putnam west of the Illinois River, Marshall (the same), Henderson, Warren, and Peoria.

RURAL DEAN—The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., Vice-President of Jubilee College, and Rector of Christ Church, Robin's Nest.

THE EASTERN DEANRY, consisting of the Counties of LaSalle, Kendall, Will, Grundy, Kankakee, Putnam east of the Illinois River, Marshall (the same), Woodford, Livingston, Iroquois, Tazewell, McLean, and Ford.

RURAL DEAN—The Rev. THEODORE N. MORRISON, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington.

THE MIDDLE DEANRY, consisting of the Counties of Mason, Cass, Menard, Logan, DeWitt, Piatt, Douglas, Edgar, Morgan, Sangamon, Macon, Moultrie, Coles, Scott, Christian, Shelby, Cumberland, Clark, Fayette, Effingham, Jasper, and Crawford.

RURAL DEAN—The Rev. WILLIAM F. B. JACKSON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

THE WESTERN DEANRY, consisting of the Counties of Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Adams, Schuyler, Brown, Pike, and Calhoun.

RURAL DEAN—The Rev. SIDNEY CORBETT, B. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Quincy.

THE SOUTH WESTERN DEANRY, consisting of the Counties of Green, Macoupin, Montgomery, Jersey, Madison, Bond, St. Clair, Clinton, Marion, Clay, Richland, Lawrence, Monroe, Washington, Jefferson, Wayne, Edwards, and Wabash.

RURAL DEAN—The Rev. CORNELIUS S. ABBOTT, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton.

THE SOUTHERN DEANRY, consisting of the Counties of Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Jackson, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Alexander, Pulaski, and Massac.

RURAL DEAN—The Rev. JAMES W. COE, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo.

The Commission issued by the Bishop to each Rural Dean appears on pp. 47–48 of foregoing Address.

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* See Canon XIII, Sec. 6.

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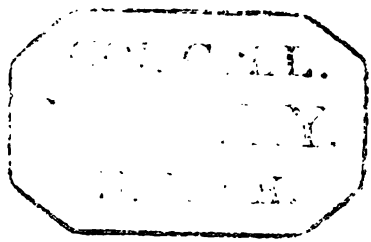

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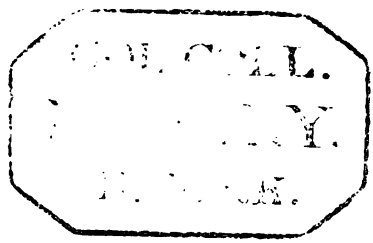

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The REV. I. L. TOWNSEND, MR. GEORGE P. LEE,
MR. WILLIAM WALLACE.

List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Illinois

FOR THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION,

SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1869.

Clergy marked thus * are not entitled to seats.

The Right Reverend HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., LL. D., D. D. Oxon., LL. D. Cantab.; BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE AND PRESIDENT OF JUBILEE COLLEGE, Chicago.

The Rev. JOSEPH ADDERLY, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield, and Christ Church, Waverly.

The Rev. CORNELIUS S. ABBOTT, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton; Rural Dean, South Western Deanry.

The Rev. STEPHEN T. ALLEN, Rector of Trinity Church, Aurora.

The Rev. PETER ARVEDSON, Deacon, officiating in St. John's Church, Algonquin, and Dundee. P. O., Algonquin.

The Rev. THOMAS N. BENEDICT, resident at Jubilee College, and officiating at St. Luke's, Wyoming. P. O., Robin's Nest.

The Rev. JOHN BENSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Peoria.

The Rev. F. W. BOYD, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Galesburg.

The Rev. JACOB BREDBERG, Rector of St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago.

The Rev. GEORGE F. BUGBEE, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Hyde Park.

The Rev. THOMAS G. CARVER, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Danville.

The Rev. JOHN CAUCH, Deacon, officiating in the Church of the Advent, Marengo.

The Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE, Missionary. P. O., Robin's Nest.

The Rev. J. TAYLOR CHAMBERS, Rector of St. John's Church, Naperville.

The Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, Missionary at Limestone and parts adjacent. P. O., Robin's Nest.

The Rev. MARCH CHASE, Minister at Charleston, Coles Co.

The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., Vice-President of Jubilee College; Rector of Christ Church, Robin's Nest; Rural Dean, North Western Deanry.

The Rev. CHARLES E. CHENEY, Rector of Christ Church, Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES P. CLARKE, residing at Ottawa.

The Rev. JAMES W. COE, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo; Rural Dean, Southern Deanry.

The Rev. JOHN B. COLHOUN, M. D., Minister at Osco and Cambridge.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. COOPER, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Lockport.

The Rev. SIDNEY CORBETT, B. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Quincy; Rural Dean, Western Deanry.

The Rev. SAMUEL COWELL, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Manhattan. P. O., Lockport.

The Rev. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Princeton.

The Rev. ERASTUS DEWOLF, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marseilles.

The Rev. CHARLES P. DORSET, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, and Canon of the Cathedral, Chicago.

The Rev. DAVID W. DRESSER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlinville.

The Rev. S. BRAINARD DUFFIELD, Rector of Christ Church, Waukegan.

The Rev. THOMAS HOOKER EDDY,* M. D.

The Rev. W. W. ESTABROOK, Rector of Christ Church, Ottawa.

The Rev. ALBERT A. FISKE,* Deacon.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, residing in Belvidere.

The Rev. A. W. GLASS, Deacon, Geneva.

The Rev. GEORGE GIBSON, Missionary at Jerseyville and Carrollton.

The Rev. CHARLES A. GILBERT, Rector of Christ Church, Joliet.

The Rev. JONATHAN E. GOODHUE, Rector of Grace Church, Sterling.

The Rev. JONAS GREENE,* residing in Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM GREENE, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Geneva.

The Rev. ASA GRISWOLD, residing in New York.

The Rev. C. B. GUILLEMONT, Missionary to the French, St. Anne, Kankakee county.

The Rev. EDWARD H. HARLOWE, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington.

The Rev. HENRY T. HIESTER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge.

The Rev. THEODORE I. HOLCOMB, Rector of Trinity Church, Rock Island.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HUTCHINS, officiating in St. John's Church, Albion.

The Rev. J. NELSON HUME,* M. D., Deacon.

The Rev. WILLIAM F. B. JACKSON, Rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM JOHN JOHNSTONE, Rector of Zion Church, Freeport.

The Rev. PHILIP A. JOHNSON.*

The Rev. WILLIAM Y. JOHNSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Chillicothe.

The Rev. EZRA JONES,* Immanuel Hall.

The Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES,* Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES V. KELLEY, D. D.,* Washington, D. C.

The Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES, Canon of the Cathedral, Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL, Rector of St. Mary's School and St. John's Church, Knoxville.

The Rev. CLINTON LOCKE, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Chicago.

The Rev. P. B. Lyons, Deacon, Stone's Prairie.

The Rev. GEORGE J. MAGILL,* Canon of the Cathedral, Chicago.

The Rev. MATTHEW MAGILL,* residing in Peru.

The Rev. PHILIP MCKIM, Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown.

The Rev. BROCKHOLST MORGAN, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. THEODORE N. MORRISON, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington; Rural Dean, Eastern Deanry.

The Rev. FRANCIS B. NASH, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Tiskilwa.

The Rev. JOHN WESLEY OSBORNE, Missionary on Illinois Central Railroad. P. O., Chicago.

The Rev. HENRY N. PIERCE, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield; Rural Dean, Middle Deanry.

The Rev. DUANE S. PHILLIPS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kankakee.

The Rev. JOHN PORTMESS, Rector of Trinity Church, Belvidere.

The Rev. H. N. POWERS, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Warsaw.

The Rev. A. B. RUSSELL,* residing in Pekin.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. RYLANCE, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago; Rural Dean, Northern Deanry.

The Rev. A. W. SNYDER, Rector of Calvary Church, Chicago.

The Rev. THOMAS SMITH, B. D.,* residing in Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pekin.

The Rev. GEORGE C. STREET, Canon of the Cathedral, Chicago.

The Rev. EDWARD SULLIVAN, A. M., Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. RICHARD F. SWEET, B. D., Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Chicago.

The Rev. OSCAR B. THAYER, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Chicago.

The Rev. WM. THOMPSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Kewanee.

The Rev. I. L. TOWNSEND, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville.

The Rev. ROBERT TREWARTHA, Deacon, Minister of St. Mark's Church, Chester.

The Rev. GUSTAV UNONIUS,* residing in Sweden.

The Rev. J. E. WALTON, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

The Rev. J. H. WATERMAN,* Deacon, residing near Morris.

The Rev. ALBERT E. WELLS.*

The Rev. JOHN R. WEST,* absent in Europe.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Dixon.

The Rev. JAMES A. WOODWARD,* residing at Farm Ridge.

The Rev. A. J. YEATER,* Deacon.

The Rev. GERSHOM P. WALDO, residing at Springfield.

Whole number of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese:

Bishop	1	
Priests	79	
Deacons	9	—89
Number entitled to seats in this Convention		71
Number present entitled to seats		57
Number present not entitled to seats		6
Number absent entitled to seats		14
Number absent not entitled to seats		12

CHANGES AND ADDITIONS SINCE CONVENTION.

The Rev. C. P. DORSET, from St. Stephen's to Ascension, Chicago.

The Rev. T. H. EDDY, to Polo and Lee Centre.

The Rev. J. NELSON HUME, M. D., to St. Peter's, Sycamore.

The Rev. C. V. KELLY, D. D., residing in Chicago.

The Rev. WM. J. MAGILL, to Christ Church, Harlem.

The Rev. WM. M. STEEL, residing in Pekin, resigned Rectorship.

The Rev. WM. THOMPSON, from St. John's, Kewanee, to Grace, Galesburg.

CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS

PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., etc., Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev.	Joseph Adderly,	The Rev.	William Greene,
"	C. S. Abbott,	"	C. B. Guillemont,
"	S. T. Allen,	"	E. H. Harlowe,
"	Peter Arvedson,	"	H. T. Hiester,
"	T. N. Benedict,	"	Theodore I. Holcomb,
"	John Benson,	"	Benjamin Hutchins,
"	Jacob Bredberg,	"	W. F. B. Jackson,
"	F. W. Boyd, D. D.,	"	J. H. Knowles,
"	George F. Bugbee,	"	C. W. Leffingwell,
"	J. S. Chamberlaine,	"	Clinton Locke, D. D.,
"	J. T. Chambers,	"	Philip McKim,
"	Philander Chase,	"	Brockholst Morgan,
"	March Chase,	"	T. N. Morrison, D. D.,
"	Samuel Chase, D. D.,	"	F. B. Nash,
"	Charles E. Cheney,	"	J. W. Osborne,
"	James W. Coe,	"	D. S. Phillips,
"	W. H. Cooper, D. D.,	"	H. N. Pierce, D. D.,
"	Sidney Corbett, B. D.,	"	John Portmess,
"	G. F. Cushman, D. D.,	"	H. N. Powers, D. D.,
"	E. DeWolf,	"	W. M. Reynolds, D. D.,
"	C. P. Dorset,	"	J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
"	D. W. Dresser,	"	A. W. Snyder,
"	S. Brainard Duffield,	"	Geo. C. Street,
"	W. W. Estabrook,	"	Edward Sullivan, A. M.,
"	John A. Fitch,	"	R. F. Sweet,
"	George Gibson,	"	O. B. Thayer,
"	C. A. Gilbert,	"	I. L. Townsend,
"	J. E. Goodhue,	"	W. H. Williams.

CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS

ABSENT FROM THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev.	T. G. Carver, D. D.,	The Rev.	Wm. John Johnstone,
"	John Cauch,	"	Wm. Y. Johnson,
"	C. P. Clark,	"	P. B. Lyons,
"	John B. Colhoun, M. D.,	"	Wm. M. Steel,
"	Samuel Cowell,	"	Wm. Thompson,
"	A. W. Glass,	"	Robert Trewartha,
"	Asa Griswold,	"	J. E. Walton.

CLERGY NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS

PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev. Jonas Green,
" J. Nelson Hume, M. D.,
" Ezra Jones,
The Rev. S. Russell Jones,
" G. J. Magill,
" Albert E. Wells.

CLERGY NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS

ABSENT FROM THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev. Thomas H. Eddy,
" A. A. Fiske,
" P. A. Johnson,
" C. V. Kelly, D. D.,
" Matthew Magill,
" A. B. Russell,
The Rev. Thomas Smith, B. D.,
" Gustav Unonius,
" J. H. Waterman,
" J. R. West,
" J. A. Woodward,
" A. J. Yeater.

CLERGY OF OTHER DIOCESES AND CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS PRESENT DURING THE SITTINGS OF THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev. A. Y. Barrow, Diocese of Pennsylvania.
" H. Dunwyr, Diocese of Tennessee.
" John Wilkinson, Diocese of Wisconsin.
Mr. Walter Moore, Candidate for Holy Orders, Colorado.

List of Parishes

ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION IN THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

Delegates marked thus * were absent, or were not heard to answer to their names.

St. John's,	Algonquin,	Wm. Estergreen, James Kee.
St. Paul's,	Alton,	J. W. Schweppe, *M. M. Dutro, *Gaius Paddock.
Trinity,	Aurora,	S. B. Hawley, S. A. Tenney.
Redeemer,	Cairo,	H. H. Candee, H. Wardner, M. D., W. W. Thornton.
St. Paul's	Carlinville,	*M. H. Head, M. D., *James McIntyre, *Fred. L. Matthews, M. D.
St. Mark's,	Chester,	*C. T. Jones, *C. L. Saunders, *Charles Russell.
Ascension,	Chicago,	J. L. Watson, T. P. Lawrence, W. Wallace.
Atonement,	Chicago,	Reuben Taylor, J. J. White, J. A. J. Kendig.
Calvary,	Chicago,	Henry Pilcher, F. F. Hilder, C. H. Roberts.

Christ,	Chicago,	Geo. W. Thompson, E. H. Sargent, Peter VanSchaack.
Epiphany,	Chicago,	D. W. Page, Geo. Gardner, Chas. E. Chase.
Grace,	Chicago,	Moses Gunn, M. D., W. J. Barney, Henry C. Ranney.
Our Saviour,	Chicago,	Franklin Hathaway, Wm. H. Stickney, Edward Cheetham.
St. Ansgarius',	Chicago,	John M. Shonbeck, Gustav Bredberg, A. M. Lind.
St. James',	Chicago,	E. H. Sheldon, C. R. Larrabee, J. S. Reed.
St. John's,	Chicago,	C. H. Jordan, C. M. Fitch, M. D., *S. H. Larminie.
St. Mark's,	Chicago,	*C. T. Bowen, *H. L. Morton, Melville W. Fuller.
Trinity,	Chicago,	G. R. Chittenden, J. H. Roberts, L. B. Otis.
Holy Trinity,	Danville,	R. W. Hanford, A. G. Denney.
St. James',	Dundee,	A. S. Hollister, *George Barnet.
Redeemer,	Elgin,	*John F. Beaty, E. Hancock.
St. Mark's,	Evanston,	Charles Comstock, *Stewart Marks, C. D. Paul.
Calvary,	Farmington,	*William Wilkinson, Sr., *F. A. Warner, Thomas Bell.

St. Andrew's,	Farm Ridge,	*A. W. Griffith, Jasper Bennett.
Christ,	Fulton,	F. L. Norton.
Christ,	Harlem,	John H. S. Quick, *J. Q. Thompson, *Thomas T. Moore.
St. Paul's,	Hyde Park,	Allen Fiske, W. K. Ackerman, E. C. Long.
Trinity,	Jacksonville,	*I. L. Morrison, Henry Stryker, Sr., *H. W. Milligan, M. D.
St. Paul's,	Kankakee,	*William Sibley, Sr., Emory Cobb.
St. James,	Lewistown,	S. Corning Judd, *Dewitt C. Bryant, *Thomas R. Walker.
Zion,	Mendon,	John Lunn, *Eli Banks, Samuel Heaney.
St. John's,	Naperville,	Samuel Gehr, Frank Chase, *C. W. Richmond.
Christ,	Ottawa,	*F. C. Prescott, H. A. Howland.
St. John's,	Peoria,	Samuel Wilkinson, *Richard F. Seabury, *Benjamin Cowell.
Redeemer,	Princeton,	William Bacon, M. D., H. H. Wilson, *Edward Harris.
St. John's,	Quincy,	Francis C. Moore, H. A. Williamson, Wm. M. Robertson.
Christ,	Robin's Nest,	Joseph Mayo, James Stewart, John M. Moss.

Trinity,	Rock Island,	H. H. Mayo, *W. B. Grenelle, *Wm. Chamberlin.
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	S. H. Treat, N. W. Edwards, S. M. Parsons.
Grace,	Sterling,	*Gabriel Davis, *Lorenzo Hapgood.
Christ,	Waukegan,	*William Besley, Charles R. Steele, William Freeman.
St. Luke's,	Wyoming,	*Henry A. Holst, *J. G. Green, M. D.

Rules of Order.

I.—OPENING DEVOTIONS.

Prayers shall be offered on each day, introductory to the business of Convention.

II.—DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. He shall take the chair every day, precisely at the hour to which the Convention shall have adjourned; shall call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any two members; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Convention.

3. Questions shall be decided but in this form, viz.: "As many as are of the opinion that, (as the case may be), say Aye," and after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of the contrary opinion, say No." If the President doubt as to the result of the vote, taken as above, or a division be called for, the Convention shall divide; those in the affirmative shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. No Congregation shall be entitled to be counted as more than one vote amongst the Laity. And an equal division of the Lay Delegates from a Congregation shall neutralize the vote of such Congregation.

4. All committees shall be appointed by the President, unless otherwise specially directed by the Convention; in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if upon such ballot the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the Convention shall proceed to a second ballot; and in case a greater number than is required to compose a complete committee shall have an equal number of votes, the Convention shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.

III.—OF DECORUM AND DEBATE.

5. When the President takes the chair, no member shall stand up except to address the Chair.

6. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

7. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall, with due respect, address the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

8. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate without leave of the House.

9. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the House, and shall not be again drawn into debate during the same session, unless by consent of two-thirds of the House.

10. While the President is putting any question the members shall continue in their seats, and shall not hold any private discourse.

11. Every member who shall be in the House when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he is personally interested in the discussion.

12. No motion shall be considered as before the House unless it be seconded, and, when required, reduced to writing.

13. When a question is under consideration no motion shall be received unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motions to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall be decided without debate. The motion to adjourn shall always be in order.

14. When the House is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves his chair.

15. The names of the movers of resolutions shall not appear upon the minutes of this House.

16. The reports of all committees shall be in writing, and shall be received of course, and without motion for acceptance, unless recommitted by a vote of the House. All reports recommending or requiring any action or expression of opinion by the House, shall be accompanied by a resolution for the action of the House therein.

17. If the question under debate contains several distinct propositions, the same shall be divided at the request of any member, and a vote taken separately; except that a motion to strike out and insert shall be indivisible.

18. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, without debate; but any member may appeal from such decision, which appeal shall be decided by the House; and on such appeal no member shall speak more than once without express leave of the House.

19. All amendments shall be considered in the order in which they are moved. When a proposed amendment is under consideration, a motion to amend the same may be made; no after amendment to such second amendment shall be in order. But when an amendment to an amendment is under consideration, a substitute to the whole matter may be received. No proposition, on a subject different from the one under consideration, shall be received under color of a substitute.

IV.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

20. The business of the House shall be called up and disposed of in the following order, to wit:

1. Communications from the President.
2. Reports from Standing Committees.
3. Special Committees, in the order of appointment.
4. Petitions and Memorials.
5. Motions and Resolutions.

JOURNAL.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
September 14th, A. D., 1869.

The Thirty-second Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois assembled for Divine Worship in the Cathedral, Chicago, on Tuesday, the 14th day of September, A. D., 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. J. H. RYLANCE, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago; the First Lesson read by the Rev. C. S. ABBOTT, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton, and the Second Lesson by the Rev. CLINTON LOCKE, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Chicago.

The Rev. I. L. TOWNSEND, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville, said the Creed and concluding Collects.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield, from Eph. IV: v. 1–3.

The Alms at the Offertory were devoted to Diocesan Missions.

The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., proceeded with the Communion Service to the Prayer of Consecration, which was said by the Right Reverend the BISHOP, who also administered the Holy Communion to the Clergy, Lay Delegates and Congregation present.

Divine Service having been concluded, the Convention met for organization and business at 2½ o'clock P. M.

The Secretary called the names of the Clergy of the Diocese entitled to seats in Convention, in all seventy-one; of this number forty-seven were present.*

There being a quorum of the Clergy, the list of the Parishes entitled to representation according to Canon VI, and Resolutions on pp. 46 and 49, Journal of last Convention, thirty-one in number, was read. The certificates of the Lay Delegates, were, on call, presented, and referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. F. W. BOYD, D. D., Mr. JOHN H. S. QUICK and the SECRETARY.

The Committee reported as correct the entire list.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates, when it was found that seventeen Parishes were represented in Convention.†

There being present a Canonical number of Lay Delegates, thus constituting a quorum of both Orders, the Convention was declared to be duly organized and ready for business.

The "Rules of Order" were then read.

The election of Secretary being next in order, on motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES was unanimously re-elected.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. GEORGE P. LEE was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Secretary asked for an Assistant, and nominated the Rev. MARCH CHASE. The nomination was, on motion, confirmed.

* A list of the Clergy who attended this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 11.

† A list of the Lay Delegates present during the session of this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Clergymen present not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention, and that they be requested to hand their names to the Secretary. *

The BISHOP gave notice that the seats of the East Transept were reserved for this purpose.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

I. ON THE INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.—The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Mr. Emory Cobb, Mr. Ninian Edwards.

II. ON FINANCE.—The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D., Mr. J. H. Roberts, Mr. E. H. Sheldon.

III. ON PRIVILEGE.—The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D., The Rev. S. T. Allen, Mr. S. M. Parsons, Mr. J. H. S. Quick.

IV. ON LEGISLATION.—The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D. D., The Rev. C. S. Abbott, Mr. S. H. Treat, Mr. L. B. Otis, Mr. S. C. Judd.

V. ON THE EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH.—The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., The Rev. C. A. Gilbert, Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden, Mr. W. J. Barney.

VI. ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—The Rev. R. F. Sweet, Mr. W. Wallace, Mr. C. R. Larrabee.

The President also appointed the Inspectors of Election, as follows:

For Standing Committee:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D. D., William Bacon, M. D.	The Rev. G. C. Street, Mr. H. H. Mayo.

For Deputies to General Convention:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., Mr. Samuel Gehr.	The Rev. C. P. Dorset, Mr. F. C. Moore.

For Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. E. H. Harlowe, Mr. Wm. Freeman.	The Rev. W. W. Estabrook, Mr. H. H. Candee.

* A list of Clergymen from other Dioceses, present at the Convention, is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 12.

On motion, an additional committee was originated, to which might be referred the application of parishes not entitled to seats in this Convention, in consequence of being delinquent in payment of their arrears of Diocesan dues and assessments.

Said committee was appointed as follows:

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Mr. G. R. Chittenden,
Mr. W. J. Barney.

Papers of application for admission into union with this Convention were received from Christ Church, Fulton, and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches.

A motion to amend Article XIII of the Constitution as follows, was referred to the Committee on Legislation:

That it be referred to the Committee on Legislation to consider the expediency of amending Article XIII of the Constitution, entitled "Admission of New Parishes," or of making a Canon, placing such restrictions as shall prevent the formation of Parishes until there is sufficient strength to give reasonable assurance of their continuance without being unnecessarily burdensome to themselves. Also the making a Canon providing for the temporary organization of such congregations, so as to hold property, be encouraged in their efforts, and afford a basis for future permanent organization.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 7½ o'clock, the BISHOP having given notice that at that time he would read his Annual Address.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP, who, after religious services, proceeded with the reading of his Address.

At its conclusion, after the singing of the Doxology, and prayers and benediction by the BISHOP, on motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again Wednesday, at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Wednesday, September 15, A. D., 1869.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. ERASTUS DEWOLF, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marseilles. The Rev. JOHN PORTMESS, Rector of Trinity Church, Belvidere, read the Lessons. The Rev. JAMES W. COE, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, and Rural Dean, Southern Deanry, said the Creed, Collects, and the Litany.

The Convention was then called to order by the President, and the roll called by the Secretary.

The minutes were read and approved.

The certificates of Lay Delegates not present before were called for, presented, and referred to the Committee. Those presented were found correct, and approved. The Lay Delegates answering took their seats.*

The names of members not present on the first day were called. Those answering took their seats.†

The Committee on the Incorporation of Churches reported the papers of application of Christ Church, Fulton, to be correct; and, on motion, Christ Church, Fulton, was admitted into union with this Convention.

* A list of the Lay Delegates present in this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

† A list of the Clergy who attended this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 11.

The Report of the Standing Committee was presented and read, as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, respectfully report as follows:

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, held in the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, September 17th, 1868, the Rev. Drs. J. H. Rylance, Clinton Locke, and T. G. Carver, and Messrs. A. C. Calkins, George R. Chittenden, and Henry C. Ranney were elected the Standing Committee. The Committee met on the evening of the same day, and organized by the election of the Rev. T. G. Carver, D. D., President, and Mr. Henry C. Ranney, Secretary.

November 11th, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of Mr. Philip B. Lyon, recommending him to the Bishop, as a candidate for Holy Orders.

December 9th, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of the Rev. A. N. Littlejohn, D. D., as Bishop of the new Diocese of Long Island.

December 18th, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of the Rev. William Croswell Doane, S. T. D., as Bishop of the new Diocese of Albany.

December 21st, 1868.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the transfer of the Right Rev. Henry Champlin Lay, D. D., Missionary Bishop of the Southwest, as Bishop of the new Diocese of Easton.

January 11th, 1869.—Recommended to the Bishop of the Diocese, the removal of the Church building from Lee Centre to Amboy, and also the sale of the parsonage and Church property at the former place.

February 1st, 1869.—Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of the Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D., as Bishop of the new Diocese of Central New York.

Signed Testimonials of Mr. Thomas North, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

February 6th, 1869.—Called together by the Bishop, in regard to the proposed visit of the Asssistant Bishop of Kentucky; and on the 12th, passed the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, The Bishop of Illinois has summoned the Standing Committee of said Diocese for counsel upon the proposed visit of the Assistant Bishop of Kentucky to this Diocese; therefore,

Resolved, That we enter our protest against such visit, and trust, with our Bishop, that the Right Rev. Dr. Cummins will not persist in a course, which, under the circumstances, will, in our opinion, infallibly lead to the disquietude and injury of the Diocese.

February 11th, 1869.—Received notice from the Bishop of removal of name of Mr. William Allington, from the list of candidates for Holy Orders, for cause.

March 13th, 1869.—Signed Testimonials of Rev. P. Arvedson, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Priests' Orders.

April 5th, 1869.—Signed Testimonials of Mr. Albert Augustus Fiske, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

April 12th, 1869.—Signed Testimonials of Albert Augustus Fiske and Philip B. Lyons, recommending them as candidates for Deacons' Orders.

May 10th, 1869.—Received notice from the Bishop, of the deposition of the Rev. Henry W. Woods, from the Ministry of the Church.

July 8th, 1869.—Met in pursuance of a notice from the Bishop, to select 5 (five) Presbyters, from the list furnished, to act as Assessors in the case of the Rev. Charles E. Cheney. The following Presbyters were selected, viz.:

Rev. Thomas N. Benedict, Minister of St. Luke's Church, Wyoming.

Rev. John Benson, Rector of St. John's Church, Peoria.

Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Robin's Nest.

Rev. Henry N. Pierce, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's, Springfield.

Rev. A. W. Snyder, Rector of Calvary Church, Chicago.

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., was elected as President of the Court, in case of a contingency provided for in Section 3, Canon XX, of Diocesan Canons.

July 15th, 1869.—The Rev. T. G. Carver, President, resigned his office and membership in the Standing Committee; whereupon, the Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., was elected President, and the Rev. Stephen T. Allen, Rector of Trinity Church, Aurora, was elected a member of the Standing Committee, to fill vacancy.

September 3d, 1869.—Signed Testimonials of Mr. Albert W. Glass, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Deacons' Orders.

Signed Testimonials of Rev. March Chase, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Priests' Orders.

Signed Testimonials, on personal knowledge, of Mr. Frederick Cope Whitehouse, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Deacons' Orders.

J. H. RYLANCE, *President.*

HENRY C. RANNEY, *Secretary.*

The Treasurer's report being called in order, that officer requested that the presentation of it might be delayed, in consequence of the continued payment of dues, which prevented him from closing his accounts for the year.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report the following matters :

I. The Report of the Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to suitable provision for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen. Journal, p. 24.

II. The Report of the Committee on Bishop's Residence. Journal, p. 49.

III. The Report of the Committee on Church Building Society.

IV. The Report of the Committee on Christian Education. Journal, p. 50.

V. The Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools. Journal, p. 60.

R. F. SWEET, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address of 1868, relating to the necessity of making suitable provision for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy, by Life Insurance or otherwise, made a partial report, and, on request, was continued with instructions to report at the next Convention.

The Committee on Episcopal Residence presented and read the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AN EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

The following report, which is respectfully submitted, can only as a matter of form be called the report of the Committee, inasmuch as only on one occasion could a bare quorum of its members be brought together during the year, under the summons of the Chairman. It was soon found that this apparent want of interest in the Committee was only a type of the general apathy upon the subject of an Episcopal Residence existing in all the representative Parishes of Chicago.

Unwilling to rest their endeavors there, however, the Committee proceeded to make known their purposes, and to take counsel of those upon whose sympathy and co-operation the enterprise must needs rely, in a large degree, for success. But everywhere, with one or two notable individual exceptions, the same hopeless answer was returned.

Under such circumstances the Committee found their hands tied. It was utterly beyond their power to go forward in the execution of a task which would have required the loyal and generous support of the great body of Chicago churchmen. They were compelled, therefore,

to admit, whatever shame might come with the admission, and wherever it might fall, that this project must be added to the many melancholy failures which the Journals of this Diocese record.

It should be said, perhaps, in partial explanation of the result, or in justice to those who under other circumstances might have been glad to aid this long-neglected work, that the year in which it was proposed to accomplish it was peculiarly unfavorable, in view of the heavy expenditures of many parishes within themselves, and, the Committee are compelled to add, of increased alienation on the part of others.

The fact remains, then, though the condition of things just named may not exhaust the explanation of it, that this great Diocese, represented in this instance by the churchmanship of an imperial city, practically denies to the chief Pastor of the flock, with all the wide and weighty obligations of his office, the simple privileges and comforts that are deemed due to the humblest Presbyter in the Church.

The Committee having diligently and conscientiously tried to meet the mind of the Convention, as expressed in their appointment at the last session, but having, to their own humiliation, tried in vain, they respectfully ask to be dismissed.

J. H. RYLANCE, *Chairman.*

The Committee requesting to be discharged, the same was refused, and, on motion, said Committee was continued, with similar powers.

It was moved to reconsider the aforesaid motion, but, on motion, action on this subject was suspended for the purpose of receiving a report from the additional Committee on the application of Parishes delinquent in dues and assessments.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE APPLICATION OF PARISHES DELINQUENT IN DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

The Committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the application of Parishes delinquent in dues and assessments, report as follows:

ST. MARK'S, CHICAGO.—There was an error committed in reporting last year seventy-five communicants. The Committee would recommend that St. Mark's be admitted upon paying their assessment upon the basis of forty communicants.

ZION, MENDON.—The Committee would recommend that the Treasurer of the Diocese be requested to transfer so much of the amount sent to the Endowment Fund by this Parish as will balance their assessment for 1868 and 1869, there having been an error in the transmission of their funds.

ST. PAUL'S, CARLINVILLE.—Upon examination, the Committee upon Bonded Debt committed an error in charging St. Paul's, Carlinville, with any arrears.

This Parish is one of the few which has always paid in full. This Committee recommend that the Treasurer correct the error.

TRINITY, AURORA.—This Committee recommend that fifty per cent. of the remaining indebtedness be remitted. It having just paid $25 upon its Bonded Debt, and its regular assessment, the Committee recommend that four Parish notes be executed of $25 each for balance due, payable annually, being four annual installments of $25 each, and that the Parish be admitted to the Convention upon such basis.

ATONEMENT, CHICAGO.—Whereas this Parish was merged into the Cathedral, excepting only ten communicants, who have paid their regular assessment, this Committee recommend that the amount due from this Parish to the Bonded Debt be remitted.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, PRINCETON.—The Committee recommend that its arrears on Diocesan Assessment of $13 and its Bonded Debt of $94.25 ($107.25), be divided into four amounts, and be payable in four annual installments, the Parish executing notes to the Treasurer accordingly, and that said Parish be admitted upon that basis.

ST. ANSGARIUS', CHICAGO.—This Parish having paid its regular assessment, and for peculiar reasons brought to the notice of this Committee, recommend that its balance due to the Bonded Debt be remitted, save and except a balance of $100, which amount shall be divided into four notes, payable in sums of $25 annually, the notes to be executed by the Parish to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

ST. MATTHEW'S, BLOOMINGTON.—That its debt of $337.85 be remitted $52.85 upon payment of $150 cash, and the Parish to give two notes of $135, payable in one and two years, of equal amounts, being $67.50.

TRINITY, ROCK ISLAND.—That this parish be admitted upon payment of $85.10, which we find to be the correct amount.

A motion was made to admit St. Mark's, Chicago, upon paying their assessment, upon the basis of forty communicants, which was lost.

On motion, a division was called for, when it was found that twenty-eight votes were cast for the admission of St. Mark's, as recommended, and forty-four against.

The several cases of Zion Church, Mendon; St. Paul's, Carlinville; Trinity, Aurora; Atonement, Chi-

cago; Redeemer, Princeton; St. Ansgarius', Chicago; St. Matthew's, Bloomington, and Trinity, Rock Island, were taken up, and each, on the terms recommended by the Committee, was admitted to Convention.

On motion, the entire amount due from the Church of the Redeemer, Princeton, was remitted.

On motion, business was further suspended, and a resolution declaratory of the meaning of Canon XX, was received, as follows:

A Resolution declaratory of the meaning of Canon XX, of this Diocese, entitled "Of the Trial of a Clergyman not being a Bishop."

WHEREAS, One of the Judges of the Superior Court of Chicago has recently given a construction to some of the provisions of Canon XX of this Diocese, at variance with the true intent and meaning of such provisions, and with the usage of this Diocese; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, that the true intent, meaning and construction of said Canon XX, is as follows: "Whenever any minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop thereof, shall become liable to presentment and trial under the provisions of any Canon of the General or Diocesan Convention, the mode of proceeding in this Diocese shall be as follows, viz:

"SECTION 1. Whenever the Bishop shall have reason to believe, on information being given by a major part in number of the vestry of any church, of which the accused is a Minister, or by any three Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, or 'from public rumor,' as contemplated by Section 2, Canon XXXVII, of the General Convention of 1832, (now Section 2 of Canon II of Title II, of the Digest of the Canons of the General Convention), that any Clergyman is under imputation of having been guilty of any offense or misconduct for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interest of the Church requires an investigation, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be Presbyters, to examine the case, a majority of whom may make such examination; and if there be, in their opinion, sufficient grounds for a presentment, they shall present such Clergyman to the Bishop; who shall thereupon cause a copy of said presentment, together with a citation to appear and answer thereto, to be served upon the accused with all convenient speed." Nothing in the foregoing provisions contained shall be regarded or construed as interfering with the *right* of the Bishop to institute an inquiry on his own motion. The Bishop has full power and authority, inherent in his office, for the exercise of all manner of government and spiritual discipline in the Church within his Diocese; and the said foregoing provisions are not intended to be restrictive,

but mandatory as to the exercise of such power and authority in the particular instances mentioned.

"SEC. 2. The Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee shall appoint the time and place for the trial; the place must be within the Diocese. The Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the Standing Committee may postpone the trial from time to time, for cause shown, or when justice requires it." But after the court shall be duly constituted and organized, it may adjourn from day to day, or from time to time, without the intervention of the Bishop. A minority of the court may adjourn from day to day.

"SEC. 3. The Bishop shall preside upon the trial as judge, and not less than three, nor more than five Presbyters shall be his assessors to try the facts in issue; which Presbyters shall be selected by the accused out of a list of eight (to be furnished by the Bishop from among those entitled to seats in the Convention), who shall be unconnected with said party by relationship or marriage, and not parties in the presentment; and if the accused shall neglect or refuse to make his selection, the Standing Committee shall select for him; and if there be no Bishop, or he decline sitting on the trial, the Standing Committee shall designate some member of the court to preside in his stead." The selection of such assessors is to be made from the list of Presbyters so furnished by the Bishop, and within such time as the Bishop shall designate. The personal presence of the Presbyters named in the list is not required for the purposes of such selection; nor are any challenges allowed, except so far as the same are involved in the privilege of selection hereinbefore provided for.

"SEC. 4. A written notice of the time and place appointed for the trial shall be served on the accused, and also on one of the presenters, at least thirty days previous thereto; and advocates or proctors shall be allowed on either side, at the pleasure of the party, provided they are Clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, or laymen who have been communicants in some Parish of the same for at least two years before the trial.

"SEC. 5. All testimony adduced upon the trial shall be in writing, taken, on due notice to the parties, either by a commissary, appointed for that purpose by the Bishop, or in the manner of commissions and depositions in civil cases. But this provision shall not prevent the appearance of the witnesses, and the hearing of their testimony, on the trial, whenever it shall be preferred by either party; and the testimony so received shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the witnesses respectively.

"SEC. 6. If a Clergyman presented shall at any time before the commencement of the trial confess the facts charged in the presentment, the Bishop shall, with the consent and approval of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, proceed to pass sentence; otherwise he shall be considered as denying them.

"SEC. 7. The court being duly constituted, by the presence of the requisite number of Presbyters, they shall receive such evidence as

may be adduced, in accordance with the provisions of this canon, and having deliberately considered the same, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their verdict on the several charges and specifications contained in the presentment; distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of each respectively, and stating also the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A copy of such verdict shall, without delay, be communicated to the accused, and the original verdict, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall, before the adjournment of the court, if present, pronounce such canonical sentence thereon as shall appear to him proper; provided, the same exceed not in severity the sentence awarded by the assessors; and such sentence shall be final: *Provided*, however, that the Bishop, if he thinks justice requires, and, if there be no Bishop, the Ecclesiastical Authority, may grant a new trial to the accused.

"Sec. 8. All citations and notices in any ecclesiastical proceedings, whether to parties or witnesses, may be served either personally, or by leaving copies thereof at their residences, respectively; and may be served by a summoner or summoners, appointed for that purpose by the Bishop, and of such service their certificate shall be evidence. In case of service by any other person, the fact shall be proved by the affidavit of that person. The time between the day of service and the day of appearance shall not be less than twenty days over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance;" but this provision is not to be construed as giving such twenty days, or any portion thereof, over and above the thirty days' notice of time and place of trial provided for in the fourth section of this canon, except in cases in which the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance, from the place of service, shall be more than ten days; the only object of this provision being to allow the accused twenty days over and above the ordinary time required to travel to the place of appearance, in which to determine as to his plea or prepare for trial.

"Sec. 9. The expense necessarily incurred on any trial under this Canon, including those of the accused when found innocent, shall be paid out of any unappropriated moneys in the treasury, the accounts of the same having first been audited under the direction of the Convention.

"Sec. 10. No Clergyman shall be suspended or receive any public censure from the Bishop of the Diocese, without having been adjudged thereto, in the manner provided for by this Canon;" that is, without having been adjudged thereto by the court.

All matters of government and discipline, and all proceedings not specially provided for by Canon, are within the authority and jurisdiction of the Ordinary, inherent in his office of Bishop.

The mover asked a reference to the Committee on Legislation.

An amendment was offered, to refer the same to a special committee, which was lost.

The original motion was then adopted, and the same referred.

At one o'clock, on motion, the Convention took a recess until two o'clock.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

The Additional Committee on the Claims of Parishes Delinquent in Dues and Assessments reported as follows:

ST. PAUL'S, HYDE PARK, $36.40.—No such Parish as that which incurred this debt now exists. The Parish now bearing the name of Hyde Park is not the same. The Committee recommend the necessary discharge of this debt, which is apparent but not real.

REDEEMER, WILMINGTON, offering to pay bonded debt ($39.35) in cash, the Committee recommend that it be given three years to pay arrears of assessment ($86) in notes of $28.67 each, due in one, two and three years, and admitted.

ST. PAUL'S, ALTON.—Bonded debt $330.07; having paid $150 cash, Committee recommend that it be admitted on giving note for one year for balance, $180.07.

CHRIST, WAVERLY, having only four communicants, Committee recommend that its bonded debt be reduced from $36.40 to $20, and it be admitted on payment of same.

ST. PAUL'S, WARSAW, $131.44.—Committee recommend it be admitted on payment of $100, from evidence submitted.

On motion, the Parishes of St. Paul's, Hyde Park; Redeemer, Wilmington; St. Paul's, Alton; Christ, Waverly, and St. Paul's, Warsaw, were severally admitted to representation in Convention upon the conditions specified in each case by the Committee.

A motion was made for the reconsideration of the motion continuing the same Committee on an Episcopal Residence, with a view of the appointment by the Convention of a new Committee, with full powers.

This reconsideration was granted, and, on motion, the former Committee was discharged, and the following Committee, on nomination by the House, was elected, viz.:

Mr. W. W. Wallace,
Mr. G. R. Chittenden,
Mr. A. C. Calkins,
Mr. H. C. Ranney,
Mr. E. T. Watkins.

The BISHOP presented his views on the subject, and informed the Convention that, having recently purchased a house for a family home, he would not be able to avail himself of the present effort for a permanent Episcopal Residence, but hoped that the plan would be matured for the benefit of his successor, and the Committee be instructed to pursue measures accordingly.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Finance Committee of this Convention be requested to take into their immediate and earnest consideration, and to report at this session, the question whether the Diocese of Illinois is not prepared at once to increase the salary of the Bishop to an adequate and an honorable amount.

The following resolution was presented and read, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on a Church Building Society:

Resolved, That this Convention elect —— Clergymen and —— Laymen, who, with the Bishop of this Diocese as President, shall constitute the Trustees of the Church Building Fund of the Diocese (or Province) of Illinois. In the event of the erection of one or more Sees within the present Diocese, then the Bishops of said Sees to be Vice-Presidents in the order of seniority, and to succeed to the Presidency in the same order. Vacancies in this Board to be filled by the Annual Convention of the Diocese, or, in the event of a division of the Diocese, by the Provincial Synod or Council, and reports to be made to said body at each regular meeting of all transactions of said Trustees. Said Trustees shall receive, hold and loan money to Parishes or others in aid of the erection of churches, parsonages, schools, or other buildings, for Parish purposes. They may also receive and hold in trust land on which said buildings are to be erected; or any other donations and bequests for church purposes, subject to the direction of the donor or donors of such property. Applicants for loans shall produce evidence satisfactory to the Trustees that the land upon which it is proposed to erect church buildings is held for church purposes free from all incumbrance whatsoever, and

shall stipulate that it shall be so held forever without alienation, except upon such conditions as the Council of the Diocese or Province may appoint. They shall submit plans, specifications and estimates to said Trustees, with satisfactory evidence that the proposed building or buildings can be erected according to such estimates. They shall make a full statement of the amount of money or material actually contributed, or securely pledged, from among their own number; and, in the case of an organized Parish, shall add to the above a list of members, with tax list or other evidence of their actual pecuniary ability. They shall also duly certify that the loan which they apply for shall relieve them of all other obligations. They shall agree to keep the building in good repair and fully insured. Applicants shall agree to repay the funds so borrowed in annual payments, without interest, in not more than twenty years, giving notes, or other satisfactory guarantees, secured by mortgage on the property. They shall also promise to pay into the treasury of said Trustees each year, for two years after the repayment of the loan, a sum not less than five per cent. upon the sum they had borrowed. The Trustees shall re-loan the sums so re-paid, together with any other money received, as soon as practicable; and in the event of any important hindrance to so doing, then judiciously invest the same in such manner that they may be able to command it for use without delay.

On motion, the Rev. I. L. TOWNSEND and Mr. WILLIAM WALLACE were added to the Committee mentioned above.

The Committee on Christian Education presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Committee on Christian Education, appointed, at last Convention, on so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to that subject, respectfully report, that, owing to the renouncing of the Ministry by its Chairman, and the removal from the Diocese of the Rev. Mr. COAN, one of its members, they have been unable to get a quorum of the Committee together. These facts we plead as an excuse for not being able to make a more acceptable report on such an important subject.

Your Committee are gratified to notice that the subject of Parochial Schools is receiving more attention by our Church, and feel encouraged to hope that the time is not far distant when each Parish will be able to present a report, of its own flourishing Church School.

We learn that St. Mary's Hall has a very encouraging report to make to this Convention; also, that St. Paul's School, Kankakee, which was established a year ago, is in a very flourishing condition. This Institution has had about two hundred different pupils the past year, and is now preparing to open a boarding department in connection therewith. The aim and purpose of its founders is to make it an Institution of a higher grade than at present, which shall furnish to the youth in that

section of the Diocese a means of thorough religious, churchly and intellectual culture.

In this city, the Cathedral School stands out prominently It has now been in session one term of ten weeks, and has just commenced the second. There are now in attendance thirty boys and twenty girls. The master, Rev. Canon MAGILL, feels very much encouraged with the prospects. St. Stephen's Parish has also a Parochial School, yet in its infancy. It has been in existence about nine months. It opened with thirteen scholars, and has now on the roll seventy-five, with an average attendance of thirty-five. There are also several other Schools in this Diocese of a Parochial character, though your Committee are not sufficiently familiar with their working to speak of them intelligently.

In conclusion, your Commitee can but urge upon the Church in this Diocese the great need and importance of schools of a churchly character. The religious education of the children of the Church *is shamefully neglected.* One hour a week in Sunday School serves, in many cases, no other purpose than to furnish an excuse for the neglect of home instruction. Definite religious teaching, *if not the Bible,* is banished from our Public Schools, and the great mass of the youth of the land, while carefully taught in the branches of a secular education, are practically without instruction upon those things which relate to their soul's eternal welfare. If we would check the spread of infidelity; if we would labor in the most effectual way for sound religion, and the extension of the Church, we must establish and maintain a Parochial School in every Parish, as a first step, towards the establishment and perpetuation of a thorough system of education, under the auspices of the Church.

D. S. PHILLIPS,
JAS. J. WHITE,
H. C. RANNEY.

The Committee on Sunday Schools presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools would respectfully report that, during the past year, no advance has been made in this peculiar branch of Church work. The question of Christian education now takes up so much of the attention of the Church, and is of such an important character, as compared with the limited usefulness of Sunday Schools, that your Committee would be glad to see the two objects referred to one Committee; and would offer the following:

Resolved, That the subjects of Sunday Schools and Christian Education be amalgamated and referred to one Committee.

SIDNEY CORBETT,
A. W. SNYDER,
HENRY C. RANNEY,
GEO. GARDNER.

The Trustees of the Diocese presented and read their Report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

The Trustees of the Diocese beg leave to report that there was a meeting of the Board on the 19th of December, 1868, at which time the meeting was duly organized by the election of a President and Secretary.

A communication from the Treasurer of the Diocese informed the Board of Trustees that the sum of three hundred dollars was in his hands, subject to their disposition, being the proceeds of a fund created for the benefit of Infirm Clergy in this Diocese, whereupon the Trustees disposed of said amount as follows: To Rev. BENJ. HUTCHINS, one hundred dollars; to Rev. C. P. CLARK, one hundred dollars, and to Rev. ASA GRISWOLD, one hundred dollars.

As there appears to be some misunderstanding in regard to the powers of the Trustees to acquire and hold property, the act passed by the Legislature of Illinois, February 10, 1849, by which the "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois" were legally "constituted a body corporate and politic," is made a part of this report, and reads as follows:

AN ACT to authorize the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Illinois to raise a fund for the support of a Bishop, and to aid superannuated Ministers, and the widows and children of deceased Ministers.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly, That Samuel H. Treat, John H. Kinzie, J. Bailhache, John V. Worthington and Ebenezer Moore be, and they are hereby constituted, a body corporate and politic, by the name of the "Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may receive any property, real or personal, by purchase, devise or otherwise, and have and hold the same; contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, as natural persons, and have and use a common or corporate seal: *Provided, however*, that the property of said corporation and the funds thereof shall never be applied to any purpose other than the support of a Bishop of said Church within said Diocese, or aiding superannuated Ministers in the same, and the widows and children of such as are deceased.

SECTION 2. The said Trustees shall hold their office until the next ensuing Annual Convention of the said Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, and until their successors in office shall be appointed and qualified, at which time and at every Annual Convention thereafter, Trustees shall be appointed pursuant to such rules, by-laws or canons of said Church as may be in force at the time of such appointment; which, however, shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of this State or of the United States.

SECTION 3. The property or funds of said corporation may be sold, alienated, or otherwise disposed of, for the purpose of reinvesting the proceeds thereof, or appropriating the same as hereinbefore provided, and for no other purpose, the said Trustees being governed therein by such rules, limitations, and restrictions as the said Convention may prescribe: *Provided*, the property held by said corporation shall never exceed, at any one time, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION 4. Any future Legislature shall have power to repeal, alter or amend this act; but such alteration, amendment or repeal shall not, in any case, divert the property, money or rights acquired under its provisions.

SECTION 5. This act shall be taken and construed literally as a general act, and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 10, 1849. In force, same date.

It will be clearly seen that the Trustees can not acquire and hold property for educational or any other purposes, save and except those specified in the foregoing charter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. RYLANCE,

Chicago, Sept. 13, 1869. *Chairman.*

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer of Trustees of the Diocese of Illinois, in Account with the Convention:*

1868.		DR.		
	To balance from last year			$23 92
For cash received from various Parishes, as follows:				
Sept.	15.—Redeemer	Cairo		10 00
"	16.—St. Paul's	Warsaw		5 00
Nov.	27.—St. John's	Chicago		41 90
	Our Saviour	Chicago		10 11
	Calvary	Chicago		5 11
	Grace	Chicago		84 10
	Cathedral	Chicago		65 50
	28.—St. Paul's	Springfield		45 35
	Grace	Sterling		4 00
	Zion	Freeport		8 50
	St. Mark's	Evanston		6 25
	St. John's	Naperville		9 65
	Mission	Jerseyville		5 25
	St. John's	Kewanee		8 10
	30.—Calvary	Chicago		5 00
Dec.	1.—St. John's	Albion		7 00
	St. Paul's	Alton		25 45
	St. John's	Decatur		6 10
	St. Paul's	Pekin		2 60
	St. Matthew's	Bloomington		15 00
	St. John's	Knoxville		5 00
	Christ Church	Robin's Nest		7 18
	Christ Church	Ottawa		12 30
	Christ Church	Chicago		22 78
	St. Paul's	Carlinville		4 75
	2.—St. John's	Peoria		6 50
	St. Peter's	Sycamore		8 00
	Calvary	Farmington		8 00
	St. James'	Lewistown		3 25
	St. John's	Kewanee		3 25
	St. Stephen's	Chicago		8 02

Dec.	3.—Emmanuel	Rockford	$8 00	
	7.—Immanuel Hall	Chicago	3 00	
	8.—Redeemer	Cairo	8 20	
	Trinity	Chicago	76 00	
	9.—Christ Church	Limestone	5 00	
	St. Jude's	Tiskilwa	3 25	
	St. John's	Lockport	6 85	
	10.—Trinity	Jacksonville	16 50	
	15.—St. James'	Chicago	129 35	
	St. Paul's	Peoria	35 00	
	Christ Church	Waukegan	19 50	
	22.—St. John's	Algonquin	1 00	
	St. James'	Dundee	2 00	
	St. John's	Quincy	38 00	
	24.—St. Mark's	Chester	10 00	
	31.—St. Paul's	Kankakee	4 35	
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Jan.	6.—St. Luke's	Wyoming	5 00	
	Grace	Galena	8 80	
	29.—St. Paul's	Warsaw	6 00	
	Zion	Mendon	5 00	
Feb.	6.—St. Luke's	Dixon	9 10	
Mar.	24.—Redeemer	Cairo	8 00	
	31.—St. Peter's	Sycamore	5 50	
	Miscellaneous, by Rev. E. Sullivan, Rector of Trinity, Chicago		10 00	
Apr.	13.—St. Mark's	Chicago	4 05	
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Dec.	22.—By cash paid, as per appropriation of Bishop and Standing Committe, to aged and infirm Clergymen, as follows:			
	Rev. C. P. Clark			100 00
	Rev. Benj. Hutchins.			100 00
	Rev. Asa Griswold			100 00
	By amount to balance, carried down			581 35
			$881 35	$881 35
Sept.	1—To balance in hand		$581 35	

The Committee on the Endowment Fund presented and read the following:

REPORT OF ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE.

This Committee beg leave to report, that, owing to the necessity existing for the Parishes in arrears to the Bonded Debt and the Diocesan

Fund to liquidate their indebtedness, and in consideration of the especial effort being put forth to accomplish so desirable an object at this time, there has been no action taken to raise moneys by the Endowment Fund plan during the past Conventional year.

Indeed, this Committee has good reason to believe that the Endowment Fund plan cannot be successfully prosecuted until the Bonded Debt shall have been paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. CHITTENDEN,
CHAS. R. STEELE,
W. J. BARNEY,
GEO. P. LEE,
SAMUEL GEHR,
SAMUEL WILKINSON.

Chicago, Sept. 13, 1869.

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer, in Account with Endowment Fund.*

For amounts received during Conventional Year 1868-9, as follows:

St. Luke's	Dixon	Acc't	1867-8	$ 2 65	
St. Luke's	Dixon	"	1868-9	16 92	$ 19 57
St. John's	Lacon	"	1867-8		5 00
St. Peter's	Chesterfield	"	1868-9		5 20
Grace	Chicago	"	1868-9		32 00
Cathedral	Chicago	"	1868-9		25 36
Zion	Mendon	"	1868-9		55 00
St. John's	Albion	"	1868-9		14 30
Emmanuel	Rockford	"	1868-9		2 80
St. Paul's	Peoria	"	1868-9		6 80
Trinity	Chicago	"	1868-9		61 00
					$227 03

The Treasurer presented and read his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on the Bonded Debt presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BONDED DEBT.

The Committee on the Bonded Debt respectfully report, that, in July last, we addressed a circular letter to the Rectors and Wardens of the various delinquent Parishes, in which we called their attention to the obvious necessity of paying up their indebtedness, referring to and quoting the resolution passed by the last Convention. Although this procedure was not imperative on your Committee, as the resolution appears on the Journal unanimously approved by Parishes both delin-

quent and otherwise, and is full notice to each Parish, yet we were induced to send this circular, that no means might be left untried by us to collect this indebtedness.

For the effect of this circular, your Committee must refer to the Report of the Treasurer, which will disclose what amounts have been paid in during the past Conventional year.

W. J. BARNEY,,
GEO. R. CHITTENDEN,
E. K. HUBBARD,
Committee.

Chicago, Sept. 14, 1869.

On motion, the Committee on the Bonded Debt was continued, with power to settle remaining indebtedness as they might deem expedient.

A Resolution amending Section 1, Canon IX, "of Vestries," repealing the words, "if such, suitable for the office, can be had," was introduced, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Legislation.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of five, with the Bishop, be appointed by the Chair to prepare a new edition of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese; to revise them, and to propose such alterations or additions as may seem to them fitting, for the consideration of the next Convention.

The Report of the Board of Missions was then presented and read, as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, in making their Third Annual Report, would state that, beyond nominations by the Bishop, and their confirmation by the Board, their duties have been very light. The reports of the Reverend Deans in regard to the Missionary work in their several jurisdictions have been made direct to the Bishop, and will appear in his Address.

At the first meeting of the Board the Rev. T. G. Carver was elected Secretary, and the Hon. L. B. Otis a member, in place of Mr. E. K. Hubbard, resigned. The elected members, with the Rev. Dr. Rylance, were appointed an Executive Committee, but without having their powers or duties confined. The Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine was continued as itinerant Missionary in the North Western Deanry.

On the 28th December, the Rev. Dr. Carver resigned his position as Secretary, and Mr. H. C. Ranney was elected to fill the vacancy. At this meeting the annual grants were made.

The grants made by your Board amounted to the sum of $5,750, subject to the usual conditions governing such grants; the amount of moneys collected from all sources, as per the Treasurer's Report, are only $4,059.41, showing, with the balance on hand, a total of $4,303.91, to apply on above; the amount due to Missionaries being $1,970.22, or about thirty per cent.

Considering the amounts raised in past years, the record of this is by no means a cheering one for the Chuch in this Diocese, and it is hoped that, with renewed effort on the part of both Clergy and Laity, the succeeding year may equal its predecessors in prosperity. The work, however, performed by your Missionaries has been of a most satisfactory character, and shows a steady advance in Church growth.

HENRY C. RANNEY,
Secretary for the Board.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That this Convention will hold a session this evening, at eight o'clock, for the consideration of the subject of the administration of Diocesan Missions.

The Committee on Finance presented and read the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report, that, after an examination of the Treasurer's Report, they find the same correct.

SIDNEY CORBETT,
J. H. ROBERTS,
EDWIN H. SHELDON.

The Committee on Finance presented and read the following Report and Resolution:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, having been requested to investigate and ascertain if a salary commensurate with the requirements of our Bishop cannot henceforth be paid, beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That from and after this date the assessment be increased so as to enable the Treasurer to pay the Bishop a total salary of five thousand dollars ($5,000) per annum.

SIDNEY CORBETT,
EDWIN H. SHELDON,
J. H. ROBERTS.

On motion, the foregoing Resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address, relating to the death of the Rev. ROSWELL PARK, D. D., was referred to a Special Committee.

The Rev. R. F. SWEET and Mr. CHAS. E. CHASE were appointed as said Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Parishes still delinquent on the Bonded Debt, as per tabular statement, on page 47, of Journal of 1868, shall not be admitted to the next Diocesan Convention, unless their several indebtedness on said account be in the meantime settled with the Committee on Bonded Debt, and that a list of such Parishes be published in Journal of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention went into an election for members of Standing Committee.

Pending the ballot, a motion to amend Article III, Section 1, of the Constitution, relating to time of Annual Meeting, was made and referred to Committee on Legislation.

A proposed amendment of the Constitution and Canons was introduced, changing the word "Convention" to "Council," which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The Inspectors of Election for members of the Standing Committee being ready to declare the result of the ballot, just had, reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.,	Mr. H. C. Ranney,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,	Mr. A. C. Calkins,
The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A. M.,	Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden.

On motion, the Convention took a further recess until eight o'clock.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

The Report of the Board of Missions was re-read, and, after a discussion on the subject of Diocesan Missions, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to make any change in the present mode of conducting the Missionary affairs of the Diocese.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the subject of Missions be made the Order of the Day at eleven o'clock to-morrow.

The Chair appointed the following as a Committee on the Better Support of the Clergy:

Mr. W. J. Barney,
Moses Gunn, M. D.,
Mr. L. B. Otis,
Mr. Emory Cobb,
Mr. Isaac L. Morrison.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again on Thursday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

THIRD DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Thursday, Sept. 16, A. D., 1869.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. I. L. TOWNSEND, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville. The Lessons were read by the Rev. PHILANDER CHASE. The Rev. OSCAR B. THAYER, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Chicago, said the Creed and concluding Collects.

The Convention was then called to order by the BISHOP, and the roll called by the Secretary.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with.

The certificates of Lay Delegates not present before were called for, presented, and referred to the Committee. Those presented were found correct, and approved. The Lay Delegates answering took their seats.*

The Chair announced the following as the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons:

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop,
The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D.,
The Rev. Henry N. Pierce, D. D.,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.,
Mr. L. B. Otis,
Mr. S. C. Judd.

A Resolution, recommending notices of motions to be sent to the Secretary six weeks before meeting of Convention, was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Legislation.

The Committee on Legislation presented and read the following Report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation beg to report that they have had under consideration the following matters:

I. That it be referred to the Committee on Legislation to consider the expediency of amending Article XIII, of the Constitution, entitled "Admission of New Parishes," or of making a Canon, placing such restrictions as shall prevent the formation of parishes until there is sufficient strength to give reasonable assurance of their continuance, without being unnecessarily burdensome to themselves. Also, the making a Canon providing for the temporary organization of such Congregations, so as to hold property, be encouraged in their efforts, and afford a basis for future permanent organization.

The Committee recommend that the foregoing be referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons.

II. Proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Diocese:

The word "Convention," wherever it occurs in the Constitution or Canons, in reference to the Diocese, shall be stricken out, and the word "Council" be inserted in lieu thereof.

The Committee deem this amendment inexpedient in the present condition of our legislation, and recommend its reference to the Committee on Revision of the Constitution and Canons.

III. Proposed alteration of the Constitution:

That Section 1, of Article III, of the Constitution of this Diocese, be altered so as to read—

"SECTION 1. There shall be a Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the second Tuesday in June, annually."

* A list of the Lay Delegates present during the session of this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

The Committee deem the change inexpedient, and recommend no action.

IV. *Resolved*, That the Committee "on Legislation" be requested to consider and report upon the propriety of amending Section 1, of Canon IX, entitled "of Vestries," by repealing the words, "if such, suitable for the office, can be had."

The Committee recommend the repeal of the words referred to.

S. CHASE,
Chairman.

On motion, the first item in the Report, relating to the union of Parishes with Convention, was referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons.

On motion, the second item, changing the word Convention to Council, was referred to the same Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Section 1, of Canon IX, entitled "of Vestries," be amended, by the repeal of the words "if such, suitable for the office, can be had."

The Committee on Legislation presented the following:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

The Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the subject of the construction of Canon XX of this Diocese, unanimously recommend the adoption of the following Preamble and Resolutions:

WHEREAS, An Ecclesiastical Court was recently organized in this Diocese, under the law of the Church and in pursuance of the provisions of Canon XX of this Diocese, for the trial of a Presbyter presented for trial; and,

WHEREAS, The proceedings of said Court were enjoined by a Civil Court; and this Convention having duly considered the official acts of the Bishop, and the proceedings, rulings and decisions, as published, of the said Ecclesiastical Court in said case, and also the published opinion of the Hon. Murray Hoffman respecting the proceedings in said case, do resolve as follows:

First—That the acts and proceedings of the Bishop in said case were in accordance with the law and usage of this Church.

Second—That said Ecclesiastical Court was lawfully and properly organized under said Canon XX; and all its rulings and decisions were substantially correct, and were in accordance with the usages, rules and Canons of this Church, and, as we believe, were wrongfully interfered with by the civil Court.

SAMUEL CHASE,
GEO. F. CUSHMAN,
C. S. ABBOTT,
S. H. TREAT,
L. B. OTIS,
S. C. JUDD.

A motion was made to refer the entire matter to a new Committee, consisting of three Clergymen and three Laymen, which was lost.

The hour of eleven having arrived, the Order of the Day was called for, which was, on motion, postponed until 8 P. M.

On motion, action on the business before the House was suspended to hear a special report from the Additional Committee on the Admission of Parishes.

Said Report was as follows:

REPORT OF ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee, to whom was referred the application for the admission of Parishes in arrears, upon the payment of their assessments, beg leave to report that, having had under consideration,

CHRIST CHURCH, OTTAWA, find, according to Treasurer's Statement, that this Parish owes $205.27, and would recommend that, upon this Parish giving to the Treasurer of the Diocese a note for $102.63, one year from date, and another of $102.64, two years from date, being the full amount of indebtedness; and that, upon the receipt of said notes, this Parish be admitted to the Convention.

ST. LUKE'S, WYOMING.—The indebtedness of this Parish is $92.80. The Committee recommend that $42,80 be remitted, and upon giving a note for $50, one year from date, to the Treasurer of the Diocese, it be admitted to the Convention.

On motion, Christ Church, Ottawa, and St. Luke's, Wyoming, were admitted to representation on the conditions recommended by the Committee.

The certificates of the Lay Delegates were presented, referred to Committee, certified, called, and the Delegates present took their seats.*

A motion was made to lay the Resolutions on the construction of Canon XX on the table, which was lost.

At one o'clock, on motion, the Convention took a recess of an hour.

* A list of the Lay Delegates present in this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the BISHOP called the Convention to order.

The following was offered as an amendment to the Resolutions introduced by the Committee on Legislation:

Resolved, That this Convention, having no doubt as to the meaning and provisions of certain Canons called in question in a pending trial of a Clergyman in this Diocese, refuses to take any formal action in the matter, lest it should seem open to the imputation, in the popular mind, that they thus sought to prejudice the course of proceedings now pending.

This Convention claims the right to interpret its own Canons, at any time when it may seem to the Convention expedient to do so; but it simply deems it inexpedient to do so at this juncture, lest their action should seem to be called forth by motives of which its members would not even be suspected.

A motion was made and carried to lay the amendment on the table. A division having been called for, fifty-seven voted in the affirmative and ten in the negative.

The following Resolutions were offered as a substitute for those introduced by the Committee on Legislation:

WHEREAS, Canon XX of this Diocese has been variously construed, therefore this Convention declares that the meaning of the portions in dispute is as follows:

First—Section 1 of Canon XX, of the Diocese of Illinois is mandatory and not restrictive, in its force, and does not exclude the Bishop from instituting inquiry into the conduct of any minister, whenever he shall deem it necessary to do so.

Second—Section 3 of said Canon does not provide for, or allow any challenge of members of the Court, save in so far as the right to select from the list of eight Presbyters presented by the Bishop, may be of the nature of a challenge.

Third—Section 8 of said Canon does not provide for another citation than that mentioned in Section 4, but designs to secure to the accused at least twenty days to prepare for trial, by insuring to him that period of time over and above the time requisite to travel to the place of trial.

The Committee on Legislation asked leave to consider the withdrawal of the Resolutions reported by

them, and the adopting, in lieu thereof, the substitute offered, and retired for the purpose of consultation.

The Committee on Legislation presented as their report the Resolutions which had been offered as a substitute.

On motion, the Resolutions were taken severally, and voted on by Orders.

On the first Resolution, the following Clergymen voted in the affimative:

The Right Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D.; The Rev. Messrs. Adderly, Abbott, Allen, Arvedson, Benedict, Benson, Bredberg, Boyd, D. D., Chambers, Philander Chase, March Chase, Samuel Chase, D. D., Coe, Cushman, D. D., DeWolf, Dorset, Dresser, Estabrook, Gilbert, Goodhue, W. Greene, Guillemont, Harlowe, Hiester, Holcomb, Jackson, Knowles, Leffingwell, Locke, D. D., McKim, Morrison, D. D., Pierce, D. D., Portmess, Reynolds, D. D., Rylance, D. D., Snyder, Street, Sullivan, Sweet, Thayer, Townsend, Williams; in all, forty-two.

The following Clergymen in the negative:

The Rev. Messrs. Bugbee, Chamberlaine, Cheney, Cooper, D. D., Powers, D. D.; in all, five.

The following Parishes voted in the affirmative:

St. John's, Algonquin; Ascension, Chicago; Calvary, Chicago; Epiphany, Chicago; Grace, Chicago; Our Saviour, Chicago; St. Ansgarius', Chicago; St. James', Chicago; Trinity, Chicago; Holy Trinity, Danville; St. James', Dundee; St. Mark's, Evanston; Calvary, Farmington; St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge; Christ, Fulton; Christ, Harlem; St. Paul's, Hyde Park; St. James', Lewistown; Zion, Mendon; Christ, Ottawa; St John's, Peoria; St. John's, Quincy; Christ, Robin's Nest; Trinity, Rock Island; St. Paul's, Springfield; Christ, Waukegan; in all, twenty-six.

The following Parishes voted in the negative:

Christ, Chicago; St. Mark's, Chicago; in all, two.

The Resolution was carried.

On the second Resolution, the Clerical vote in the affirmative was the same, with the additional name of the Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAINE; in all, forty-three.

The Clergymen voting in the negative were the Rev. Messrs. CHENEY, COOPER, D. D., and POWERS, D. D.; in all, three.

The Parishes voting in the affirmative, were the same; in all, twenty-six.

The Parishes voting in the negative, were the same; in all, two.

The Resolution was carried.*

The call for the vote by Orders was withdrawn by the parties making it, and the vote on the third Resolution was *viva voce*, which was adopted.

The Preamble was then offered and adopted.

A Resolution was introduced relating to the affairs of St. Mary's School, Knoxville, which was, on motion, referred to a Special Committee, consisting of

Mr. W. J. Barney, Mr. L. B. Otis, Mr. S. H. Treat.

The following proposed Canon, providing for an Appellate Court in the Diocese of Illinois, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons:

CANON.

SECTION 1. The Bishop and Deans of the Diocese shall constitute the Appellate Court of the Diocese, of which the Bishop shall be Presiding Judge. In case of the Bishop's absence from the Diocese, or if for any reason he do not sit, one of the Deans, to be named by the Bishop (or, in his absence from the Diocese, by the Standing Committee), shall act as Presiding Judge. A majority of the members of the Appellate Court shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The Court shall appoint a Clerk, who shall keep a correct record of their proceedings.

SEC. 2. Any Minister of this Church who has been found guilty upon any proceedings had under Canon XX of this Diocese may

* At a subsequent period of the Convention, permission was asked by those absent when the above vote was taken, to record their votes in the affirmative. It being given, two Clergymen, Rev. Messrs. J. W. Osborne and S. B. Duffield, and four Parishes, Redeemer, Cairo; St. Paul's, Kankakee; St. Paul's, Alton; and Atonement, Chicago, voted in the affirmative, making the whole vote — Clerical, 45 to 3; Lay, 30 to 2.

appeal from such verdict and decision to the Appellate Court of the Diocese, by filing with the Bishop his appeal in writing within ten days from the date of such verdict and decision; and such appeal shall set out the decision and specify that the party appeals from the same, or from some part thereof, and what part. The Bishop may extend the time for taking such appeal, by a certificate in writing, but not to exceed ten additional days. Such appeal being taken as herein provided, the Bishop shall not pronounce sentence upon the appellant, under the verdict and decision aforesaid, until and unless the subsequent adjudication or adjudications in the case shall authorize the same; nor shall the Bishop pass sentence as provided in Section 7 of Canon XX, if an appeal be prayed at the time of the finding and verdict, until the expiration of the time allowed for perfecting such appeal.

SEC. 3. Upon such appeal being filed with the Bishop, he shall certify the appeal, also the original verdict, together with the evidence delivered to him, as provided in Section 7 of Canon XX of this Diocese, to the Appellate Court of the Diocese; and if the Bishop, for any reason, shall determine not to sit as an officiating member of the Appellate Court, he shall transmit such papers to the Dean named to act as Presiding Judge. The Bishop (or, if he do not act, the Presiding Judge,) shall thereupon appoint the time and place for the meeting of the Court to hear such appeal, and shall give notice in writing thereof to the several members of the Court, and also to the appellant and one of the presenters, or to one of the advocates or proctors who appeared for them respectively in the Court below; and he shall also have power, at any time before the convening of the Court, to change such time and place, causing reasonable notice of such change to be given to the members of the Court, and also to the appellant and one of the presenters, or to one of the advocates or proctors who appeared for them respectively in the Court below as aforesaid. After convening, the Court may adjourn from day to day, or from time to time. Less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day. Advocates or proctors shall be allowed on either side, in the Appellate Court, possessing the qualifications prescribed in the fourth section of Canon XX aforesaid.

SEC. 4. The Appellate Court, upon the record in the case, by a majority vote, may reverse the decision of the Court below, in whole or in part, or may modify the sentence proposed to be pronounced, or may reverse the decision and remand the case to the Court below for a new trial or further proceedings. In all other cases, as well as upon a default of the appellant, the verdict and decision shall be affirmed.

SEC. 5. The decision of the Court shall be indorsed upon or annexed to the appeal; and the same, together with all the papers made use of upon the hearing, shall be transmitted to the Bishop. If the decision be an absolute reversal of the finding of the Court below, the accused shall be discharged. If the decision shall award a new trial, or direct further proceedings in the Court below, the Bishop shall convene such Court, for such new trial or further proceedings, by

giving not less than twenty days' notice to the members thereof, and of the time and place of meeting, and shall also give like notice of the time and place of meeting to the accused and one of the presenters, or to one of their respective advocates or proctors, who appeared for them respectively in the Appellate Court; and the new trial or further proceedings shall be had accordingly. In all other cases, the Bishop shall proceed to final decision and judgment, not exceeding in severity the finding of the Court.

SEC. 6. The Bishop, after pronouncing the final decision and sentence in the case, shall transmit all the papers, with a minute of such decision and sentence, to the Secretary of the Standing Committee; whose duty it shall be to record an abstract of the proceedings and the final sentence at length, in a book kept for that purpose.

The following proposed Canon was also introduced, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons:

CANON.

SECTION 1. If any member of the Church shall be subpœnaed to attend as a witness before the Board of Enquiry, provided for in the first Section of Canon XX, of this Diocese, or before a Court constituted under said Canon XX, shall neglect to obey the subpœna, or, being present before either of the same, shall refuse to testify, or to be sworn or affirmed, such person may be declared guilty of contempt, and punished therefor.

SEC. 2. A certificate of the facts and of the neglect or refusal shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board or President of the Court, as the case may be, and delivered to the Bishop; but if the Bishop act as Presiding Judge of the Court, no certificate shall be necessary in respect to any alleged contempt of Court occurring at the time of his presence.

SEC. 3. The Bishop shall, thereupon, cause reasonable notice to be given to the party of the proceeding intended against him; and, upon hearing the allegations and proofs, may proceed, if the party is a Layman, to admonish or suspend him or her from the Communion of the Church; and if a Minister, to admonish or suspend him from the exercise of the functions of his office. Such suspension shall continue, and shall be declared to continue, until a satisfactory profession of repentance has been submitted to the Bishop.

SEC. 4. If any advocate or proctor, engaged in any proceeding before a Court of this Diocese, shall be guilty of a contempt of Court, (for which the Court itself shall be the judge,) he shall no longer be allowed to appear before such tribunal, except at the option of the Court. And proceedings may also be had against him as in the case of the contumacy or contempt of a witness; and, in like manner, he may be admonished, or for the like time, he may be suspended from the Communion, if a Layman; or, if a Minister, from the exercise of the functions of his office. And any party to a pending proceeding, or any other

member of this Church, guilty of a contempt of Court, may also be proceeded against in like manner, and may be admonished, or, for the like time, may, if a Layman, be suspended from the Communion; or, if a Clergyman, from the exercise of the functions of his office.

SEC. 5. During the continuance of any suspension of a Layman from the Communion, provided for in this Canon, no Clergyman of this Church shall admit the party suspended to the Communion.

SEC. 6. Suspension from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry, shall, *ipso facto*, sever the connection between the Clergyman so suspended and his Parish or Congregation during the continuance of such suspension; and no Parish or Congregation of this Diocese shall receive the ministrations of such suspended Minister. Any Parish or Congregation that shall receive such ministrations, knowing of the suspension, shall be guilty of contumacy, and shall not be entitled, while so in contumacy, to any visitations of the Bishop, nor shall any such Parish, in contumacy, be entitled to representation in the Diocesan Convention. Any member of this Church who shall knowingly receive the ministrations of any such suspended Minister, or advise, aid, abet, or encourage the receiving of such ministrations by any Parish or Congregation, shall, if a Layman, be admonished or suspended from the Communion; and, if a Minister, shall be admonished or suspended from the exercise of the functions of his office, or both. Upon credible information of the violation of any provision of this section by any member of this Church, the Bishop may proceed against the party accused, as provided in the third section of this Canon; and if suspension from the Communion or from office be pronounced by him, the sentence shall continue in force as therein specified.

SEC. 7. In the absence of the Bishop from the Diocese, or in case of his inability to act, any other Bishop officiating in the Diocese on his invitation (or, if there be no Bishop, or if the Bishop shall be under disability by reason of a judicial sentence, any other Bishop officiating in the Diocese at the request of the Standing Committee) shall be the acting Bishop of the Diocese for all purposes of this or any other Canon of this Diocese, and shall have jurisdiction accordingly.

The following proposed Canon was also introduced, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons:

CANON.

SECTION 1. If, hereafter, at any time pending proceedings against a Clergyman under any Canon of this Diocese, an application shall be made by him for the interposition of any civil tribunal to stay or delay such proceedings, such Clergyman shall be suspended from the exercise of the functions of the Ministry; and thereafter such Clergyman shall

not be allowed to attend in person, or by counsel or agent, upon any subsequent proceedings in regard to the offense alleged against him, so long as such suspension shall continue.

SEC. 2. The Bishop, on being credibly informed of any such application for the interposition of a civil tribunal by or on behalf of any Clergyman in this Diocese, shall summon the party, at a reasonable time, to attend before him, and if he shall be satisfied that such application was made by or on behalf of such Clergyman, he shall pronounce sentence of suspension against such offending party, which shall continue in force until a satisfactory profession of repentance has been submitted to him, which, being done, he may remit such suspension.

The Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the decease of the late Rev. ROSWELL PARK, D. D., presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Charge relating to the death of the Rev. ROSWELL PARK, D. D., respectfully report the following:

That this Convention, in fullest sympathy with the tribute paid by the Bishop to the memory of the late Dr. PARK, and deeply conscious of the loss which the Diocese and the Church have sustained in the death of that good man, desire to place on record their acknowledgment of his worth and excellence in all the various important relations which he fulfilled.

We also desire to express our hearty sympathy with the family of the deceased in their affliction, and prayerfully commend them to Him who careth for the widow and the fatherless.

R. F. SWEET,
C. E. CHASE.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the BISHOP called the Convention to order.

On motion, a Committee of five was appointed to nominate a Board of Missions for the ensuing year, as follows:

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
The Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D.,
The Rev. C. A. Gilbert,
Mr. J. J. White,
Mr. L. B. Otis.

The said Committee presented the following names for a Board of Missions:

The Rev. A. W. Snyder,	Mr. C. R. Larrabee,
The Rev. Edward Sullivan,	Mr. George Gardner,
The Rev. C. P. Dorset,	Mr. Wm. Wallace.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the foregoing names were elected a Board of Missions for the ensuing year.

The Committee on Church Building Society presented their Report.

On motion, the Report was recommitted to said Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again Friday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

FOURTH DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Friday, September 17, A. D., 1869.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. PETER ARVEDSON, of Algonquin. The Lessons were read by the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., Rural Dean, North Western Deanry. The Creed, Collects and Litany by the Rev. PHILIP MCKIM, Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown.

The Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

After the calling of the roll, a quorum being present, on motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the same committed to the Right Reverend the Bishop and the Secretary.

On motion, permission was granted to the following Clergy, absent the day previous, to record their votes in the affirmative, on the three Resolutions and Preamble then presented by the Committee on Legislation, as their Report on the Construction of Canon XX.

Voting in the affirmative:

The Rev. John Wesley Osborne. The Rev. S. B. Duffield.

On motion, permission was granted to the Delegates from the following Parishes, absent the day previous, to record their votes in the affirmative, on the three Resolutions and Preamble, then presented by the Committee on Legislation as their Report on the Construction of Canon XX.

Voting in the affirmative:

Church of the Redeemer, Cairo; St. Paul's Church, Kankakee; St. Paul's Church, Alton; Atonement, Chicago.

The following motion was presented, read, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have listened with unusual interest to the Annual Address of our honored Diocesan, and that we herewith tender him our most hearty thanks for his able exposition of existing tendencies and issues in the Church, as involved in the proceedings of our last General Convention; his explanation and vindication of the passage in last year's Address to this Convention, so unreasonably assailed in the "Protest," signed by certain members of this Diocese; that we most deeply regret that any members of this Body should think it becoming, right, or necessary to resort to such a mode of agitation, and so stirring up the passions and prejudices of the uninformed, and misleading public opinion generally; and especially by the employment of the secular press for such attacks as those with which it so long teemed against the character and proceedings of the Bishop and constituted authorities of this Diocese; that we assure the Bishop of our heartfelt sympathy with him under the severe trials to which he has been thus exposed, and of our unabated love and confidence in him.

The Committee on St. Mary's School, Knoxville, presented the following Report and Resolution:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution relating to the School property in Knoxville, would respectfully recommend to the

Convention the adoption of the following Resolution, and would urge upon the Diocese the importance of raising, as soon as possible, $3,000, as the sum needed (according to the best information of your Committee) for discharging the indebtedness mentioned in the Resolution. The Committee would further remark that, in their judgment, the success of the St. Mary's School during the past year, and the prospect of its future growth and usefulness, render it advisable to provide, if possible, for the enlargement and completion of the present building as soon as the title to the property can be secured to the Diocese. And they would express the hope that there will be such a unity of feeling and heartiness of action on the part of the Diocese in this matter, as will result in providing for St. Mary's School the best appointments and advantages for the prosecution of its important work. Your Committee would recommend the appointment of Rev. C. W. Leffingwell, S. Corning Judd, Esq., and Mr. William Hester, as an Executive Committee, to receive the transfer of the property as the Trustees of the Diocese, and to solicit and receive the funds, per subscription, to pay therefor.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, The stockholders of the School property in Knoxville leased to Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine, in behalf of the Diocese of Illinois, and now occupied by St. Mary's School, have proposed and agreed to transfer all their stock in said property to the Diocese, as soon as the Diocese shall have paid the sum now due the Trustees of said property for furniture actually delivered and now in use in said School, and shall pledge its influence to build up and maintain said School in Knoxville; therefore,

Resolved, That the present Convention, representing the Diocese, does hereby accept the proposal of the said stockholders, and pledges its influence and best endeavor to maintain, permanently and prosperously, a Boarding and Day School for girls in Knoxville; and that a Committee of three be appointed to act as Trustees of the Diocese in executing the transfer of said stock, and with power to solicit, receive and disburse subscriptions for the purpose of paying the indebtedness aforesaid, together with the sum due to the Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine for repairs made upon said property in fitting it up for the opening of St. Mary's School.

W. J. BARNEY,
C. W. LEFFINGWELL,
L. B. OTIS,
Committee.

On motion, the Resolution appended to the above Report was adopted, and the following were appointed Trustees of St. Mary's School: The Rev. CHAS. W. LEFFINGWELL, Mr. S. C. JUDD, Mr. WILLIAM HESTER.

On motion, it was further

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the Clergy of this Diocese to present St. Mary's School, Knoxville, to the patronage and support of their respective Congregations.

The Committee on Legislation presented the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Legislation have had under consideration the following Resolution:

It is recommended that copies of all notices of motions intended to be brought before the Convention shall be sent in to the Secretary at least six weeks before the day of meeting, and shall by him be reissued in circular form to each Clergyman in the Diocese within two weeks following; such motions to be taken up during the session in the order of their reception by the Secretary.

Your Committee report that said Resolution is inexpedient, as being inconsistent with the usage of Convention.

S. CHASE, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred the subject of increased Diocesan assessment, presented the following Resolution:

That a sum equivalent to *thirty* cents for every Communicant be hereafter assessed upon each Parish for the purpose of increasing the Diocesan Fund, to be collected and paid in the same manner as the assessment in Canon XIII, and under like penalty, so that the whole assessment for the Diocesan Fund will be hereafter at the rate of $1.50 for each Communicant

The following Resolution, in substance, was then offered as a substitute for the Resolution reported by the Committee, and, after certain modifications, accepted by the mover, was unanimously adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, This Convention has very properly raised the salary of our excellent Bishop to a sum more worthy of him, and more creditable to the Diocese; and yet has not provided for the necessary increase in the income of the Diocese to enable it to punctually and faithfully pay the same; and,

WHEREAS, The present method of levying the Diocesan revenues, on a basis of the number of the Communicants of each Parish, meets with great and reasonable disapprobation because, although the number of Communicants is the test of spiritual strength, yet it is not an unerring indication of pecuniary ability; therefore, be it

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Convention, to be termed a Board of Equalization, whose duty it shall be, within the next seventy days, to apportion the sum of $4,000, the additional amount necessary to be raised during the present year, among the Parishes of the Diocese, according to the pecuniary ability of each; special reference being had to the amount paid in salaries by each Parish during the past year. Said amount to be paid quarterly, and a failure

of any Parish to pay its respective quota of above amount, shall bring upon it the Canonical penalties imposed by Canon XIII, for failure to pay Diocesan dues.

On motion, the Resolution on page 45 of the Journal of 1868, which reads as follows, was repealed, as contemplated by the previous action:

Resolved, That a sum equivalent to twenty cents for every Communicant be assessed upon each Parish, to be collected and paid in the same manner as the assessment in Canon XIII, and under like penalties. The sums so paid to be passed by the Treasurer to the fund for Contingent Expenses.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed one thousand copies of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and send two copies to each of the members of the Convention, and one copy to every ten Communicants in each Parish, and the usual copies to the Bishops, Secretaries of the Convention, and periodicals of the Church; and that he cause to be printed five hundred extra copies of the Bishop's Address in separate pamphlet form; and that every Clergyman in the Diocese be requested to read the same in his pulpit; and also, that the Secretary seek proposals from various printing offices for the printing of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and select from the same at his discretion.

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in the Cathedral, Chicago.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That twenty dollars be appropriated to the Sexton of the Cathedral, for his faithful services to the Convention.

The Committee previously appointed on such portion of the Bishop's Address as related to the better support of the Clergy made a partial Report, commending the subject to the immediate attention of the Parishes in relation to their respective Pastors, and expressing their opinion of the pressing necessity for combined action on the subject.

On motion, the Committee was continued to act during the year, and report at the next Annual Convention.

At one o'clock, on motion, the Convention took a recess of an hour.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

By request of the Chair, the following were nominated by the House as the Board of Equalization; and, on motion, were unanimously appointed, viz.:

Mr. W. J. Barney, Mr. C. R. Larrabee, Mr. Samuel Gehr.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was presented, read and referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons:

Proposed addition to Section 2, of Article V, of the Constitution:

"Provided, also, That no Minister who has been in charge of any Parish or Parishes in this Diocese, for more than three months before the meeting of any Annual Convention, shall be entitled to a seat in such Convention, unless the Parish or Parishes, so in his charge, shall have paid the assessment due from it to the Diocesan Fund, for the year immediately preceding such Annual Convention."

On motion, the ballot was unanimously dispensed with, for the purpose of electing the following, nominated as Trustees of Jubilee College:

The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D., Mr. Ninian Edwards.
The Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D.,

The same were elected.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, for the purpose of electing Trustees of the Diocese. The Rev. Dr. CHASE having declined a re-election, the following were, on motion, proposed and duly elected:

The Rev. C. A. Gilbert, Mr. George R. Chittenden,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Mr. A. C. Calkins,
Mr. C. T. Bowen.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for Deputies to the General Convention.

Pending the ballot, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Church families in this city for their kind hospitalities.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the C., B. & Q. R. R.; the C., A. & St. L. R. R.; the C. & N. W. R. W., and the C., R. I. & P. R. R., in consideration of the commutation of fare made to the Lay Delegates.

The Inspectors of Election for Deputies to the General Convention then reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. S. Chase, D. D.,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.,
The Rev. H. N. Pierce, D. D.,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
Mr. Geo. P. Lee,
Mr. S. H. Treat,
Mr. L. B. Otis.

One Lay Deputy remaining yet to be chosen, on motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. D. W. PAGE was unanimously elected.

On motion, the minutes were committed to the Right Reverend the Bishop and Secretary, to be duly made up for publication.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That, after the usual religious exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The BISHOP then made a Closing Address,* the *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung by the Convention, and, after prayers and the Episcopal Benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY JOHN WHITEHOUSE,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES,
Secretary of Convention.

* See Bishop's Address, page 87.

APPENDIX I.

The Treasurer presented and read his Report, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

In submitting his Annual Report to the Convention, the Treasurer begs leave to state that to a large extent the detail is omitted, and assigns as a reason therefor the unusual delay on the part of the Parishes in making their returns.

For this cause the Report must necessarily be meagre, and deal mostly in general figures.

THE RECEIPTS for the year now closed have amounted to			$9,591 38
and are from following sources:			
DIOCESAN FUND.			
Assessment, 1865–6	$ 30 00		
" 1866–7	102 50		
" 1867–8	694 88		
" 1868–9	2,288 88	$3,116 26	
MISSIONARY FUND.			
Voluntary Contributions	$3,922 58		
Designated "	113 00		
Missionary Cont. Expense Acc't..	23 83	$4,059 41	
Bonded Debt Fund		2,396 35	
Interest Acc't		19 36	
		$9,591 38	
Adding balance on hand last year			244 50
And the whole amount is			$9,835 88

THE EXPENDITURES have been as follows:

Episcopal Salary, in full	$2,000 00
Secretary's Salary, in full	150 00
Assistant Treasurer's Salary, in full	125 00
Missionary Stipends	3,884 14
Principal and Interest Bonded Debt, $1,704.97 and $279.00	1,983 97

GENERAL EXPENSE Account:

Contingent Expenses.....	$1,263 12		
Missionary Contingent Expenses.	6 05—	1,269 17	
Designated Contributions.....		225 00—	9,637 28
And leaving balance in hand of.....			$198 60

The payment to Missionaries amounted to about sixty-two and a half per cent. of the Stipends appropriated to them, but failed to meet payment for lack of necessary amount of contributions to the Missionary Fund. The amount has been divided among nineteen Missionaries.

The Report of the Committee on Bonded Debt, with the tabular statement annexed, as found in the last Journal, has been the occasion of some considerable anxiety during the year. Undoubtedly there are some errors existing in the same, although the computations are wonderfully correct when it is considered that the results were arrived at without reference to the accounts kept by the Treasurer. Still, there are Parishes claiming to have liquidated their proportion of the Bonded Debt whose names are contained in the Committee's statement as being in arrears; and again there are other Parishes exonerated from the payment which unquestionably should bear their proportion.

If the action of the Convention at its last session has not excluded any further action upon the subject, the Treasurer would ask for information, as to further accounting, whether the fact of remitting assessments made upon Parishes, by vote of Convention, as heretofore practised, can be understood as remitting also the proportion due from such Parish on the Bonded Debt Fund, as tabulated in the Journal of 1862.

By the action of the last Convention and the ten per cent. clause, there has been remitted during the year the sum of $645.85, and leaving still due upon all the assessments the sum of $4,366.91; but of this sum the Bonded Debt Committee statement has included the sum of $837.74, and which therefore must be deducted from the above sum, and leaves $3,529.17 as assets or balance due on assessments since September, 1867. The same Committee's statement carries an unpaid balance of $9,043.28, making together a sum of $12,572.45, which, at a value of sixty-six and two-thirds per cent., would yield $8,382.63.

When we take into consideration the fact that this indebtedness is a fair, honest business obligation, undertaken by all the Parishes through their representatives, at the adoption of the Constitution and Canons which govern the Church in its Diocesan business obligations, and annually indorsed by them by sending delegated representatives here, and that these parties so represented are Christian bodies, it would seem that we might count with reasonable business certainty upon the fulfillment in good faith of these obligations. It can hardly be plead that the Parishes are unable to pay, for at any time, when the equity

exists, they may avail of Section 1 of Canon XIII, which exonerates them from a payment of more than ten per cent. of their income.

Some years' experience would seem to indicate to the judgment of the Treasurer, that the prevailing cause of non-payment by Parishes of their Diocesan dues, is great inattention in the proper Parish officers. One year lapses into the next, until that which could, in the first place, have been easily liquidated, has accumulated and become a burden upon the Parish, crippling its energy, and stultifying its sense of honor and right.

The result of such action usually is, the Parish either neglects or declines to send its delegates, and thus becomes more isolated and shrunken in its outgoing sympathies and desires; or else sends them as paupers, with a petition that their past indebtedness may be cancelled.

This practice has sadly increased in the three years last past, and large amounts annually remitted.

It would be well to consider the expediency of this measure, so far as future action is concerned. Facts and experience, again, would seem to indicate that where such action has been taken, that real good does not enure to the Parish nor to the Convention. The former are usually found ignoring their new liabilities as they did the old, and the Convention is annually shrinking its financial strength.

If the expression may be allowed to the Convention, it would seem most fit and proper that the officers of the Parish, its Wardens and Vestry, should understand that they have duties to perform; that their position is one of trust, responsibility and honor, and that it does not pertain to the Clergy, nor should the duty be thrust upon them, of seeing that the Parish in which they minister is meeting its business obligations.

Could this view become established, the whole business relations of the Parishes and the Church would become more real and tangible, and the general distrust in business relations, now existing toward all Christian bodies, would, so far as we are concerned, cease.

The effect in our Conventions would be, that all our debts would be promptly and fully met, and our mutual esteem and self-respect be much increased and strengthened.

A larger amount than usual of the current year's assessment remains unpaid. Some of our stronger Parishes are wholly unpaid, and many of the smaller have suffered the last assessment to swell the amount of former indebtedness. It seems quite probable that, unless this state of things can be checked, that ere long the representation in Convention will be seriously impaired, and quite a large number of Parishes be practically sundered from any common sympathy or co-operation in Diocesan matters.

Still, the current debts of the Diocese have been paid, except the Missionary Stipends. The Diocesan expenditure is never large; probably no Diocese in the country, of equal magnitude, either as regards territory or Church strength, manages to do its work so economically in dollars and cents as this, and it would seem superfluous to commend

such a simple act of duty. What shall be said, then, when a portion of its indebtedness remains unpaid for want of means placed in the hands of its proper officers? Thirty-seven and a half per cent., or three-eighths, of the Missionary Stipends are unpaid, and the amount of $1,970.22, has or will be carried to the account of unpaid stipends. A little of concerted effort, a little of warm love, would have, and still can accomplish this payment, and enable us to do right to our brothers, and to ourselves.

The Bonded Debt has been reduced to the extent of $1,704.97, principal; $279 of the amount received was also used in the payment of interest on the same; and the further sum of $412.38, temporarily borrowed from the same fund to complete the payment of contingent expenses, in the expectation that payments upon assessment account would enable the early replacement of this sum.

The balance of that debt now stands upon the Treasurer's books at $3,665.42. This, with $1,970.22, balance of Stipends, constitutes the only indebtedness of the Diocese, and to meet which, there are the assets before mentioned. It remains for the Convention and its Parishes to determine how soon these may be converted and the indebtedness liquidated.

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer.*

APPENDIX II.

PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER, 1869.

The principal statistics contained in the Reports will be found at one view in the Tabular Statement at the end.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS.

Reports from Parishes and Stations	87
From Clergymen without cure	10
Whole number of Reports	97

The comparative inspection of the Table of this year and of the two previous, will give the following results:

	1867.	1868.	1869.
Baptisms—Infants	796	1,072	975
Adults	160	279	236
Total	956	1,351	1,211
Confirmations	510	813	750
Marriages	267	366	369
Burials	335	461	508
Communicants—Admitted	363	643	610
Received	317	513	737
Removed	404	385	426
Died	49	55	68
Present number	3,960	5,280	5,815
Sunday Schools—Teachers	670	880	943
Scholars	4,898	6,674	6,968
Contributions—Whole amount	$81,199.21	$111,175.85	$215,473.11

REPORTS.

Algonquin, St. John's. - - The Rev. Peter Arvedson.

Church Wardens—James Kee, Wm. Estergren.

Families, 9; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 48.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 3; Total, 7.
Marriages, 2. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 18.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1; Other Days, 1; Total, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 4; Total, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 5; Total, 55.
Sermons, 102. Lectures and other Addresses, 3.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $1.84; Weekly Collection, 19.09. Total.....$20 93

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $25.20; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 1.00. Total..... 26 20

General.—Church South..... 1 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$48 13

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

The statistics of this year, as compared with those of the last year, are by no means flattering. The Missionary in charge cannot, in this Report, fully set forth the several causes which, combined, have brought about the present depressed state of this Parish. May the Everliving Spirit quicken us all to put forth earnest efforts to "strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die."

On account of the opening of a new Missionary field at Harvard Junction, the Missionary in charge, during spring and summer, has only been able to give this Parish services every alternate Lord's Day. The intermediate Sundays have been kindly supplied from Chicago, at my request and with the Bishop's approval, by the following gentlemen officiating as Lay Readers: GEO. P. LEE, WM. WALLACE, and J. J. WHITE.

I beg also thankfully to acknowledge the reception of $75.00 from the Sunday School of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, kindly sent to me as a substantial token of their interest in my Missionary work.

PETER ARVEDSON,
Missionary in Charge.

P. S.—Besides my work in St. John's, Algonquin, and St. James', Dundee, as per report respecting those Parishes, I have officiated during last autumn and winter, on week-day evenings, as near as possible

monthly, at Bliven's Mills and Harvard Junction. At the last-mentioned place a Parish was duly organized in April last, under the name of Christ Church, Harvard, and since that time I have officiated there every alternate Lord's Day; have baptized thirteen children and one adult; nine persons have been confirmed; the Holy Communion administered twice; number of Communicants, eighteen. A hall has been rented, and $300.00 subscribed towards paying for the services of a Clergyman one-half of the time for one year from last April, and a fair beginning made in the way of raising a subscription towards building a house of worship. This is the most promising part of my Missionary field.

Alton, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Cornelius S. Abbott.

Church Wardens—J. W. Schweppe, M. M. Dutro.

Families, 64; Individuals not thus included, 21; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 34; Adults, 5; Total, 39.
Confirmed, 30. Marriages, 4. Burials, 18.
Communicants—Admitted, 32; Received, 2; Removed, 9; Died, 2.
Present Number, 100.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 20; Total, 25.
Scholars: Male, 97; Female, 146; Total, 243.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 243.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 2; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 24; Total, 76.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 59; Total, 108.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 65.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $71.15; Mission Sunday School, 144.36; Other Parish objects, about 2,500.00.
Total..... $2,715 51

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, including $16.16, especial for S. W. Deanry, 116.16; Diocesan Fund, 92.40; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 25.45; Bonded Debt, 55.23; Religious Reading for Prisoners in Penitentiary, 6.12. Total..... 295 36

General.—Domestic Missions, $17.05; Foreign Missions, 12.53; Home Missions to Colored People, 19.94; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, 42.45. Total..... 91 97

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $3,102 84

The Parish still continues in a healthy, united, and vigorous condition; the intercourse between Rector and people is of the most pleasant and affectionate character, and everything indicates steady, permanent growth.

Arcola, Christ. - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Wardens—John Vellum, Charles Bradbury.

Families, 14; Individuals not thus included, 48; Total of Souls, 109.
Communicants—Received, 12; Removed, 1. Died, 1.
Present Number, 29.

We have four valuable Church lots, fenced in, and a fund at interest, with other Church property. A Minister has been called to take charge of the Parish.

Aurora, Trinity. - - *The Rev. Stephen T. Allen.*

Church Wardens—S. B. Hawley, M.D., C. F. Jauriet.

Families, 95; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 400.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 2; Total, 18.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 9 Burials, 9.
Communicants—Admitted, 8; Received, 6; Removed, 3; Died, 3.
Present Number, 60.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 30; Female, 70; Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 58; Total, 106.
Sermons, 96. Lectures and other Addresses, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $46.40; General Parish Purposes, 595.00; On Church Lot, 525.00. Total.....$1,166 40

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $35.00; Diocesan Fund, 72.00; Funded Debt, 25.08. Total..... 127 08

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,293 48

The Parish is in a condition of general prosperity. We are directing our earnest effort now to the immediate erection of a church. A subscription is in progress, and a portion of the money collected, for a church; but it does not appear in the present Report. A plan of building has been adopted, and the working details are being made; and it is intended to put in the foundations, and do as much more as possible, before cold weather.

Belvidere, Trinity. - - *The Rev. John Portmess.*

Church Wardens—Nijah Hotchkiss, John Bowley.

Families, 33; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 144.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 7; Total, 12.
Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 15; Removed, 9; Died, 1.
Present Number, 35.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 34; Total, 46.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 2; Catechumens, 5.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 6; Total, 58.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 1; Total, 51.
Sermons, 104.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $44.93; Incidental Expenses, 161.58; Sunday School, 18.54. Total.....$225 05

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $6.25; Diocesan Fund, 39.60; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 7.70; Bonded Debt Fund, 4.64. Total..... 58 20

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$283 25

The present Rector has had charge of the Parish only since July. During the first half of the Convention year the Parish was served by Rev. A. J. YEATER, Deacon. Upon my arrival, I found the Parish in a deplorable condition, rent with internal dissensions, and a large number of the membership habitually absenting themselves, not only from the public services of the Lord's House, but also from the Holy Communion. During the interim, however, a faithful few had maintained regular Sunday services, by the Rev. JOHN CAUCH, of Marengo. They had also kept together a remnant of the once large Sunday School.

I am happy to say that the dissensions alluded to are now rapidly healing. One after another of the Communicants gives in his adhesion to the new order of things. The Sunday School has doubled in these two months. The Congregations, though not large, are regular, serious, and attentive. Thus far not a jar has occurred, and there seems to be no reason why we should not be a peaceful, harmonious, and prosperous people.

Besides the regular work in the town of Belvidere, I celebrate Divine service twice each month, in the afternoons, in a country school house, six miles southeast of town, where there is an English settlement of about fifteen families, numbering, probably, as many Communicants

Bement, Atonement. - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 3; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 67.
Communicants — Present Number, 7.

The Congregation wish to be connected with St. John's Church, Decatur. We have a melodeon, Bible, Prayer Book, book case, Communion Service, Surplice, and a large interest in a Church building.

Bloomington, St. Matthew's. - *The Rev. T. N. Morrison.*

Church Wardens — Goodman Ferre, S. M. Etter.

Families, 80; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 415.
Baptisms — Infants, 16; Adults, 1; Total, 17.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 6. Burials, 10.
Communicants — Admitted, 11; Received, 30; Removed, 7; Died, 3.
Present Number, 115.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 11; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 50; Female, 100; Total, 150.
Public Catechetical Instruction — Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 150.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 52; Other Days, 10; Total, 62.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 44; Other Days, 18; Total, 62.
Sermons, 94. Lectures and other Addresses, 18.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $49.38; For Sunday School, 135.00; Other Contributions, 625.00. Total..... **$809 38**

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $75.00; Diocesan Fund, 103.20; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 15.00; Other Offerings, 42.00.
Total..... **235 20**

General.—Domestic Missions, $15.00; Foreign Missions, 12.50. Southern Churches, 36.00; Nashotah, 20.00. Total..... **83 50**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$1,127 88**

Bunker Hill, Christ. - - - - - - - - - - - -

Church Warden — Dr. R. J. Hornsby.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 50.
Baptisms — Infants, 2.
Communicants — Removed, 6. Present Number, 20.
Sunday School — Teachers, 5. Scholars, 20.

The forms of report for Bunker Hill and Gillespie were handed me by Rev. DEAN ABBOTT, as I am the person now visiting and officiating at these places, in obedience to the Chapter of the South Western Deanry. I have been officiating there during the summer and fall. Morning service in Gillespie. Afternoon service in Bunker Hill, on the fourth Sunday of each month. This arrangement, however, is merely temporary, and I go, only as agent of the Chapter. They may substitute some one else in my place at any time. I have nothing to do with these points, either as Rector or as Missionary; receive no Missionary aid, and am merely agent of the Chapter of the Deanry. Therefore, I do not sign my name. Moreover, I am able to give only an approximate idea of the state of things, and such only is given here. As for funds, I report none, except one small collection at Gillespie, because none have passed through my hands; yet I know that some small amounts have been raised for defraying incidental expenses, and the Parish at Bunker Hill has now on hand about $1,200, to be used in building a Church. The Sunday Schools in the two places have been commenced, or rather revived, during this summer. In each, there are a few persons awaiting confirmation, who would become Communicants at once.

D. W. DRESSER.

Carlinville, Sept. 28, 1869.

Cairo, Redeemer. - - - The Rev. James W. Coe.

Church Wardens—W. W. Thornton, H. L. Halliday.

Families, 53; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 255.
Baptisms—Infants, 23; Adults, 8; Total, 31.
Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 18; Received, 17; Removed, 10; Died, 2.
Present Number, 83.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 15; Total, 18.
Scholars: Total, 165.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 22.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 14; Total, 61.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 13; Total, 57.
Sermons, 96; Preached in other places, 10; Total, 106.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $75.50; Sunday School Purposes, 126.55; Sundries, 310.30. Total.....$512 35

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $7.00; Diocesan Fund, 72.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 8.20. Total..... 87 20

General.—Bible and Prayer Book Society, $5.00; Convicts State Prison, 4.00. Total..... 9 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$608 55**

The Church, as may be seen from the Parochial Report, has nearly trebled in the number of Communicants within the last two years, though there have been many removals and several deaths, and though the city has been steadily declining in business and population. In respect to practical Christianity, Cairo fully sustains the reputation she enjoys for morality, health, and general appearance.

Carlinville, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. D. W. Dresser.

Church Wardens—Dr. M. H. Head, Jas. McIntyre.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 18; Total of Souls, 90.
Baptisms—Infants, 14; Adults, 3; Total, 17.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Removed, 5. Present Number, 29.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 22; Female, 24; Total, 46.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 6; Total, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 20; Total, 64.
Sermons, 60. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Interest on Debt, and Incidental Expenses of Parish, $490.98; Sunday School Library, 17.95. Total.....**$508 93**
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $23.35; Diocesan Fund, 32.40; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 4.75. Total..... 60 50
General.—Relief of Southern Clergy..... ..... 15 50

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$584 93**

The "Catechetical Instruction" above reported is given to the whole Sunday School about once a month. I have, therefore, not made a separate report of the item of "Catechumens." The Parish School, started a year ago in the front room of the Parsonage (for want of a better place), has been continued, and is to begin its second year on September 20th. Its success has been as good as could be expected, under the circumstances. I have now a small school house on the rear of the Church lots, built partly by scholarship and partly at my own expense. I have regularly borne a part in the instruction; but the chief labor is performed by a lady assistant.

Besides my work in my own Parish, I have also spent several Sundays in Gillespie and Bunker Hill; usually the fourth Sunday in each month, for some time past—holding service in Gillespie in the morning, and in Bunker Hill in the afternoon. The Holy Communion has been administered, and the Sunday School revived in each place. In Bunker Hill I have also baptized some children. There are several candidates for Confirmation in that neighborhood, and they need a Minister very much.

Carrollton, ———. - - *The Rev. Geo. Gibson.*

Families, 9; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 52.
Baptisms—Infants, 10; Adults, 4; Total, 14. Confirmed, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 6; Received, 2; Removed, 1.
Present Number, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers: Female, 4.
Scholars: Male, 8; Female, 12; Total, 20.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 48.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 20; Other Days, 2; Total, 22.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20; Other Days, 6; Total, 26.
Sermons, 40. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $3.30; General Parish Purposes (Organ, Communion Vessels, Prayer Books, Sunday School Books, etc.), 415.50. Total.....$418 80

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 3 00

General.—Domestic Missions, Easter Offerings, Nashotah, $4.50; Offering to Convocation Fund, 10.50. Total..... 15 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$436 80

Carrollton is not organized into a Parish—there not being the requisite number of male Communicants. With the exception of an occasional service by members of the South Western Deanry, no regular services had been attempted in Carrollton until November, 1868. From that time up to date they have been continued, on alternate Sundays, with every mark of encouragement. The Courthouse has very generously been allotted to our use, and we look forward to the time when this generous people will further honor their Lord by building Him a temple worthy His honor.

Charleston, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. March Chase.*

Families, 14; Individuals not thus included, 19; Total of Souls, 79.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; Adults, 3; Total, 9.

Confirmed, 10.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 2; Present Number, 17.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 17; Female, 23; Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 40.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total 13.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Sermons, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Rent of Baptist Church, $46.00; Incidental Expenses, 36.00; Sunday School Books, 30.00; Ladies' Aid Society, 210.00. Total.....$322 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$322 00

Chatsworth, ———. - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 6; Individuals not thus included, 30; Total of Souls, 41.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Communicants—Received, 8. Present Number, 8.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 9.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 9.
Sermons, 18. Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$10 40
General.—Domestic Missions..... 2 10

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$12 50

The Congregation is improving in number, and in the responsive service. There are some most excellent members of the Church who greatly desire a continuance of the service.

Chester, St. Mark's. - - *The Rev. Robert Trewartha.*

Church Wardens—J. L. Edwards, Wm. R. Marlen.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 80.
Baptisms—Infants, 12.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Removed, 2. Present Number, 28.
Sunday School—Scholars: Female, 5.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 8.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50.
Sermons, 102. Lectures and other Addresses, 9.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $13.65; Monthly Collection, 20.45; Southern Church, 10.00; Thanksgiving Collection, 5.00. Total.....$ 49 10

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $13.65; Diocesan Fund, 33.60; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 5.00. Total..... 52 25

General.—Southern Church..... 10 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$111 35

Our Parish will number about forty members; but the Vestry and Minister think it best not to report more than twenty-eight, as the balance never give anything for the support of the Ministry, neither for any other good cause belonging to the Church. They are seldom or ever seen at Church.

In a pecuniary point of view, the Parish is not in a good condition.

Chesterfield, St. Peter's. - - The Rev. Joseph Adderly.

Church Wardens—T. S. Gelder, Robert Oliver.

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 52.
Baptisms—Infants, 4. Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Removed, 4. Present Number, 8.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 14; Total, 24.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 9; Other Days, 2; Total, 11.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 20; Other Days, 10; Total, 30.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20.
Sermons, 40. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $10.00. Total..$70 00

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $2.00; Diocesan Fund, 12.50. Total..... 14 00

General.—Domestic Missions..... 4 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$88 00

On the fifteenth of last August I accepted the charge of the Congregation at Carlyle. I have agreed to give them every fourth Sunday.

Chicago, Ascension. - - - - - ——— ———

Church Wardens—J. L. Watson, F. B. Peabody.

Families, 48; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 31; Adults, 5; Total, 36.
Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 9. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Admitted, 8. Present Number, 80.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 18; Total, 22.
Scholars: Male, 70; Female, 130; Total, 200.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 20; Total, 72.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 58; Total, 110.
Sermons, 114. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion and Offertory, $1,281.61; Special Collection, 1,355.00; Parish Sunday School, 350.00; Rent of Pews, 1,982.92. Total.....$4,969 53

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions by Sunday School, 150.00; Diocesan Fund, 96.00; Bonded Debt, 69.96. Total..... 315 96

General.—Domestic Missions: Collection for Tennessee, $86.00; Sunday School Union and Church Book Society, 22.00. Total. 108 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$5,393 49

The Rev. T. G. CARVER, D. D., resigned the Rectorship of Ascension Parish on the first of July. Since that time we have been supplied, from Sunday to Sunday, by various Clergy.

The Vestry have extended a call to the Rev. C. P. DORSET, which has been accepted; and it is expected that he will enter upon his duties on the first Sunday in October.

And it is to be hoped that the Parish will renew its strength and possess the field open to it.

J. L. WATSON.

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Chicago, Atonement. - - *The Rev. S. Russell Jones.*

(For eight months.)

Church Wardens—Reuben Taylor, Alex. J. Chase.

Families, 67; Total of Souls, about 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 10; Adults, 12; Total, 22.
Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 6. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 17. Present Number, 60.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 10; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 42; Female, 68; Total, 110.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 34.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 4; Total, 12.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 34; Other Days, 120; Total, 154.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 34; Other Days, 12; Total, 46.
Sermons, 78. Lectures and other Addresses, 38.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $34.00; For the Church, about 2,500.00. Total..... $2,534 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... .....$2,534 00

The general prosperity of the Parish has been quite satisfactory, considering the many difficulties we have labored under—of debt—and for a portion of the year a church without windows or adequate pews. But we are now happy to say that the debts have been funded, and the church building is entirely completed and made comfortable.

At Easter time the pews in the church were made free—the Rector having previously allowed the pews to be rented as an experiment. Under this true system the Congregation rapidly increased, and it was hoped that this might always be a home for rich and poor alike. But there existed a difference in opinion, and the Rector resigned the Church, to take effect on the first day of July—feeling that, having reared this church twice (it was burned about two years ago), and having placed it upon a basis where it was competent to support a Rector, if he was to preach without salary, it might better be to those not able to support the services of the Church.

The Rector for the most part of the year has also held a third service in Christ Church, Harlem. This Mission is in a healthy condition, and has recently called a Rector.

Chicago, Atonement. - - The Rev. Oscar B. Thayer.

(Since August 8, 1869.)

Church Wardens—Reuben Taylor, A. J. Chase.

Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 10. Present number, 45.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 6; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 16; Female, 29; Total, 45.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 1; Catechumens, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 8.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 8; Other Days, 4; Total 12.
Sermons, 16. Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $10.87; Sunday School, 12.71; Mission Work, 40.00. Total..... $63 58
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund..... 60 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$123 58

The report of the Church of the Atonement embraces a period of only *six weeks*—the length of time the present Rector has been in charge. Having seen no record of any description, he finds it impossible to make any report more complete than the one herewith submitted.

Chicago, Calvary. - - - - The Rev. A. W. Snyder.

Church Wardens—Henry Pilcher, Edward Simmons.

Families, 40; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 250.
Baptisms—Infants, 22; Adults, 6; Total, 28.
Confirmed, 17 Marriages, 9. Burials, 9.
Communicants—Admitted, 17; Received, 17; Removed, 21.
Present Number, 51.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 11; Total, 17.
Scholars: Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Private, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 29; Total, 81.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 61; Total, 113.
Sermons, 116. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $61.00; Current Expenses, 1,003.04; Building Purposes, 1,129.60; Sunday School, $159.50; Church Furniture, 140.00. Total.....$2,493 14
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $24.72; Diocesan Fund, 45.65; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 10.11. Total..... 80 48
General.—Missionary Institutions and Societies..... 27 75

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$2,601 37

The state of the Parish is indicated by the Parochial report.

Chicago, Cathedral. The Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D., &c.

Canons — The Rev. J. H. Knowles,
The Rev. G. J. Magill,
The Rev. G. C. Street.

Families, 300. Total of Souls, estimated, 1,500.
Baptisms — Infants, 56; Adults, 12; Total, 68.
Confirmed, 35. Marriages, 32. Burials, 23.
Communicants — Admitted, 19; Received, 20; Died, 2.
Present Number, 350.
Sunday School — Teachers, 40. Scholars, 300.
Public Catechetical Instruction — Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 300.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 53; All Holy Days, 17; Total, 70.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 52; Other Days, 314; Total, 366.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 52; Other Days, 314; Total, 366.
Sermons, 108. Lectures and other Addresses, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—General Expenses, exclusive of Clerical Salaries, $2,256.00; Sunday School, 567.70. Total..... $2,823 70

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $181.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 66.00; Theological Education, 375.00. Total.. 622 00

General.—Salt Lake Mission..... 50 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... .....$3,495 70

Chicago, Christ. - - The Rev. Charles Edward Cheney.

Church Wardens — Allen C. Calkins, George A. Sackett.

Families, 300; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total Souls, 1,500.
Baptisms — Infants, 31; Adults, 7; Total, 38.
Confirmed, 19. Marriages, 27. Burials, 16.
Communicants — Admitted, 30; Received, 60; Removed, 30.
Present Number, 264.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 25; Female, 45; Total, 70.
Scholars: Male, 300; Female, 370; Total, 670.
Public Catechetical Instruction — Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 2; Total, 13.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 52; Other Days, 15; Total, 67.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 46; Other Days, 28; Total, 74.
Sermons, 104. Lectures and other Addresses, 43.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $380.09; Mission Sunday School, 1,005.25; Support of Sunday School, 1,200.00. Total..... $2,585 34

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $204.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 22.38. Total..... 226 38

General.—Domestic Missions, American Church Missionary Society, $400.00; Church in Kentucky, 133.00; Evangelical Education Society, 360.00. Total..... 893 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $3,704 72

Chicago, Epiphany. - - The Rev. Richard F. Sweet.

Church Wardens—D. W. Page, Geo. Gardner.

Families, 70; Individuals not thus included, 17; Total of Souls, 298.
Baptisms—Infants, 9; Adults, 3; Total, 12.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 3. Burials, 12.
Communicants—Admitted, 9; Received, 101; Removed, 6; Died, 1. Present Number, 110.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 12; Total, 15.
Scholars: Male, 54; Female, 70; Total, 124.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 124.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 18; Total, 58.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 30; Total, 76.
Sermons, 111. Lectures and other Addresses, 12.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $177.89; Pew Rental, 3,076.84; Collections and other Receipts, 3,803.66; Sunday School, 375.97. Total..... $7,434 36

Diocesan.—Diocesan Mission, $150.62; Diocesan Fund, Donation, 25.00; All Saints' Missions, 55.00. Total..... 230 62

General.—Domestic Missions, $15.80; Nashotah, 100.00. Total..... 115 80

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $7,780 78

The Rector took charge of this new Parish on All Saints' Day, 1868. We worshipped in the Church building for the first time on the second Sunday in Advent—the Bishop being with us, preaching, and celebrating the Holy Communion. Since then the Parish has been

steadily growing, under the Divine blessing, and gives promise of permanency and future usefulness. The Rector begs to acknowledge the many kind and valued offices of the city Clergy during the past year.

Chicago, Grace. - - *The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.*

Church Wardens—Hibbard Porter, W. G. Hibbard.

Families, 250; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total of Souls, 1,000.
Baptisms—Infants, 53; Adults, 7; Total, 60.
Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 28. Burials, 33.
Communicants—Admitted, 20; Received, 79; Removed, 30; Died, 9.
Present Number, 270.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 10; Female, 12; Total, 22.
Scholars: Male, 60; Female, 190; Total, 250.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 250.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total, 15.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 30; Total, 82.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 60; Total, 108.
Sermons, 110. Lectures and other Addresses, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $500.00; Sunday School, 504.00; Connected with new Church, 64,715.00; Parish Purposes, 10,000. Total.....$75,719 00

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $400.00; Diocesan Fund, 276.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 79.15; Knoxville School, 51.00; All Saints' Mission, 100.00. Total..... 1,106 15

General.—Domestic Missions, Southern Churches, $100.00; Theological Education, 254.00; St. Luke's Hospital, 1,815.32.
Total..... 2,169 32

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$78,994 47

This Parish is in a very flourishing condition. The new Church, opened at Easter, filled up immediately, and in a year's time will be crowded to its utmost capacity. It will seat 1,000 persons. Its beauty speaks for itself The coming year it will be in a condition to do more for others, though it has never been backward.

Chicago, Our Saviour. - *The Rev. W. F. B. Jackson.*

Church Wardens—Franklin Hathaway, William H. Stickney.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 70; Total of Souls, 125.
Baptisms—Infants, 5.

Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, 40.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 18; Female, 22; Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 5; Catechumens, 25.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 9; Other Days, 1; Total, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $77.11; Easter Offering for Building Fund, 105.00; Other Sunday Collections for Same, 115.20; Parish Purposes, 88.55; On Subscription to Building Fund, 845.00. Total.....$1,230 86

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $12.10; Diocesan Fund, 33.60; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 10.51. Total..... 56 21

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,287 07

The present Rector entered upon his duties on the first of September, and this fact will account for the small list of statistics.

Chicago, St. Ansgarius'. - *The Rev. Jacob Bredberg.*

Church Wardens—John M. Shonbeck, C. W. Anderson.

Families, 144; Individuals not thus included, 160; Total of Souls, 640.
Baptisms—Infants, 102.
Confirmed, 25. Marriages, 79. Burials, 64.
Communicants—Admitted, 25; Received, 168; Removed, 27; Died, 6.
Present Number, 445.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4. Private, 9.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 4; Total, 56.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 3; Total, 45.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $31.63; Diocesan Fund, $42.35.
Total.....$73 98

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$73 98

Chicago, St. James'. - *The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D.D.*

Church Wardens—E. H. Sheldon, C. R. Larrabee.

Families, 175; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total of Souls, 800.
Baptisms—Infants, 37; Adults, 3; Total, 40.
Confirmed, 31. Marriages, 12. Burials, 20.
Communicants—Admitted, 28; Received, 4; Removed, 9; Died, 3;
Dropped, 80. Present Number, 300.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 12; Female, 18: Total, 30.
Scholars: Total, 250.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 1; Total, 16.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 22; Total, 70.
Sermons, 92. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $1,064.31; For Sunday School, 168.82; For the Poor, 106.20; Industrial School, 140.00; Towards finishing the Church, 22,642.87; General Expenses, 5,598.65. Total.....$29,720 85

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $166.00; Diocesan Fund, 432.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 129.33; St. Luke's Hospital, 577.37; Feeble Parishes, 226.45. Total..... 1,531 15

General.—Domestic Missions, $208.45; Church Book Society, 113.80. Total..... 322 25

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$31,574 25

Having had opportunity during the past year more thoroughly to examine the Parish Register as to how far it represents the actual strength of the Parish, more especially in its Communicants, I have found an accumulation of names of persons no longer of the Parish. Hence the large number indicated as "Dropped." Many families have removed also within the years covered by the present Register, but their places have been filled by others. The Parish is not really weaker, but stronger, than in previous years, though the present Report might not seem to indicate such a state of things.

Chicago, St. John's. - The Rev. H. N. Powers, D. D.

Church Wardens—Job Carpenter, C. H. Jordan.

Families, 165; Individuals not thus included, 45; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 21; Adults, 1; Total, 22.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 18. Burials, 17.
Communicants—Admitted, 11; Received, 10; Removed, 9; Died, 1.
Present Number, 196.
Home Sunday School—Officers and Teachers: Male, 15; Female, 31.
Total, 46.
Scholars: Male, 130; Female, 195; Total, 325.
Mission Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 7; Female, 10; Total, 17.
Scholars: Male, 75; Female, 105; Total, 180.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 9; Total, 61.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 15; Total, 67.
Sermons, 113. Lectures and other Addresses, 12.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $151.91; Home Sunday School Expenses, 171.27; Mission Sunday School Expenses, 391.94; Incidental Expenses, 3,054.57. Total.....$3,769 69

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $21.85; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 42.50; Church at Marseilles, 24.61. Total..... 88 96

General.—St. Luke's Hospital, $155.00; American Bible Society, 50.00; Evangelical Missionary Society, 40.00; Hebrew Christian Brotherhood, 27.40; Mission House, Philadelphia, 34.90; Destitute Southern Clergyman, 40.00; Griswold College, 50.00; Church, Pine Bluffs, 10.00 Total..... 407 30

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$4,265 95

Chicago, St. Mark's. - The Rev. Brockholst Morgan.

Church Wardens—Chauncey T. Bowen, Henry L. Norton.

Families, about 40; Total of Souls, about 150.
Communicants—Present Number, about 45.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 8; Total, 11.
Scholars: Total, 75.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR BISHOP:

There are many reasons which explain this imperfect Parochial Report. I have only very recently assumed charge over it, and I have the highest expectations, with the Divine blessing, of seeing it grow to great strength and usefulness. I have met with much encouragement hitherto in my efforts, and believe, when these efforts shall have had a little more time to make themselves wider spread, they will be instrumental for the permanent prosperity of the Parish.

Believe me, Yours very faithfully,
BROCKHOLST MORGAN.

Chicago, St. Stephen's. - - The Rev. C. P. Dorset.

Church Wardens—Edward Dansen, John C. McVey.

Families, 90; Individuals not thus included, 60; Total of Souls, 390.
Baptisms—Infants, 44; Adults, 6; Total, 50.

Confirmed, 30. Marriages, 8. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Admitted, 19; Received, 22; Died, 2.
Present Number, 120.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 15; Total, 18.
Scholars: Male, 51; Female, 74; Total, 125.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 8.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 34; Other Days, 8; Total, 42.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 8; Total, 60.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 37; Total, 89.
Sermons, 95. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $79.86; Sunday School purposes, 51.00; Parish School purposes, about 200.00; Payment of old Debts, about 600.00. Total..... .....**$930 86**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$930 86**

Not much can be said for the progress of this Parish, though it is a field which ought by no means to be abandoned. The church building is old and ugly, though unfinished, and there is still a debt of about $1,500 upon the property. I believe that the charitable gifts of those whom God has prospered could not be better bestowed than toward the removal of this debt, and for the completion and fitting up of the basement of the church building for school purposes. Once free from debt, the Parish *could*, and *would*, in spite of poverty, struggle into vigorous life. It is a field where certain success is sure to follow the labors of a patient, self-denying, much-enduring Priest of Christ. No other need try it.

Chicago, Trinity. - *The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A. B.*

Church Wardens—L. P. Hilliard, John Wright.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 250; Total Souls, 1,000.
Baptisms—Infants, 24; Adults, 6; Total, 30.
Confirmed, 24. Marriages, 18. Burials, 8.
Communicants—Admitted, 13; Received, 3; Died, 1.
Present Number, 165.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 16; Female, 24; Total, 40.
Scholars: Male, 100; Female, 240; Total, 350.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 3; Total, 55.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 40; Total, 92.
Sermons, 107. Lectures and other Addresses, 48.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $697.85; Special Donations for the Poor, 135.25; Sunday School, 128.35; Evening Collections for Parochial Mission Work, 1,034.97; Other Parish Purposes, 1,215.00. Total.....$3,211 42

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $182.05; Diocesan Fund, 180.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 76.25; St. Luke's Hospital, 460.00; Poor Parishes within the Diocese, 162.00; Debt to the Bishop, 680.47. Total..... 1,740 77

General.—Bishop Randall's Diocese, $128.40; Southern Clergy Fund, 175.00. Total..... 303 40

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$5,255 59

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &c., &c.:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR—Our progress in Trinity Church during the past year has been, and, under existing circumstances, must still for some time continue to be, slow. The field, for various reasons, is difficult of cultivation, and one from which, if the husbandman expect a harvest, he must have "long patience for it." Still there are tokens of improvement, such as an increasing interest in our Church service, a growing sense of individual responsibility, and a steady process of unification, all which, over and above their unknown and indirect influences for good, have already resulted in large and liberal offerings of personal effort, through the channel of organized parochial co-operation, on behalf of our sick and suffering poor.

The rapid extension of the city in a southerly direction, and the consequent removal of private residences to a greater distance from the business centre, necessitates some action in connection with our Church building, and I trust that ere long definite steps will be taken towards placing it in a situation more easily accessible to the great majority of the parishioners, and thus giving the Parish (what it appears never yet to have possessed,) a fixed and permanent basis. Such a movement on our part would, of course, leave the central portion of the city without an Episcopal Church; but why should not the Churchmen of the several city Parishes combine and purchase Trinity as a free Church, *pro bono publico?*

I remain, Right Rev. Sir, yours faithfully,

E. SULLIVAN.

Chillicothe, St. John's. - - *The Rev. W. Y. Johnson.*

Church Wardens—L. D. Ellsworth, Solomon Stowell.

Families, 16; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 100. Baptisms—Infants, 1. Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Communicants—Removed, 2. Present Number, 14.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 14; Female, 28; Total, 42.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 20; Catechumens, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 28. Evening Prayer—Sundays, 28.
Sermons, 56. Lectures and other Addresses, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $2.60; Sunday School Papers, 5.00; Sunday School Books, 10.00; Church Building, 260.50.
Total.....$278 10

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $2.00; Diocesan Fund, 14.00.
Total..... 16 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$294 10

This Parish was organized in November last, and by some oversight the proper steps were not taken to have them placed on record with the County Court. This fact has come to my knowledge too late to remedy it in time for presentation to Convention for admission to union therewith. The Parish owes some four hundred dollars of church-building debt, which we hope to remove during this season. We have some repairs and improvements, though not large, yet altogether will tax the resources of the Parish to its utmost extent. But we hope with united and vigorous effort to meet all liabilities, if the blessing of the Great Head of the Church rest upon our endeavors in answer to our prayers.

We hope to set to work immediately to remedy our defective beginnings, so that, if we are prospered during the coming year, we may come with clean papers to the next Convention, and ask for admission and representation. As it is, we determined to do our duty as far as practicable, and forward our Report accordingly.

Danville, Holy Trinity. - The Rev. T. G. Carver, D. D.

Church Wardens—J. C. Winslow, A. S. Williams.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 70; Total of Souls, 100.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 5; Total, 7.
Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 8. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, 25.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 9. Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 45.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 30.
Sermons, 45. Lectures and other Addresses, several.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $13.00; For Sunday School, 25.00. Total.....$38 00

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund..... 32 40

General.—Domestic Missions..... ..... 50 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$120 40

This Parish is united and active. It is now stronger in means than many with larger numbers, and it is confidently expected that as the population is rapidly increasing, so this Congregation will realize a speedy and considerable growth

This Parish has been without a Minister about one-fourth of the year. Our Sunday School, which has been suspended for some months, is now being reorganized, with fair prospects. Lay Reading was kept up while without a Minister, and Church open every Sunday.

Decatur, St. John's. - - - - - - - *Vacant.*

Church Wardens—Cyril Fuller, R. J. Young.

Families, 18; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 92.
Baptisms—Infants, 7. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Present Number, 34.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 7; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 30; Total, 45.

Rev. Samuel D. Pulford resigned the Rectorship of this Parish in July last, and the undersigned is unable to find any data from which to make a complete report, as required by Canon XI.

CYRIL FULLER,
Senior Waraen.

Dixon, St. Luke's. - - *The Rev. Wm. H. Williams.*

Church Wardens—James K. Edsall, James A. Hawley.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 30; Total of Souls, 160.
Baptisms—Infants, 9; Adults, 1; Total, 10.
Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 7; Removed, 4; Died, 5.
Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 8; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 50; Total, 75.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 20; Catechumens, 75.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 4; Total, 18.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 18; Total, 70.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 20; Total, 71.
Sermons, 136. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $167.00; For Plans for Church, 150.00; Donations in the Parish, 124.71; Contingent Expenses of Parish, 242.25 Total..... $683 96

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $94.43; Diocesan Fund, 55.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 9.10 Total..... 158 53

General.—For the Southern Church, $20.00; Donation to the Rector, $100.00. Total..... 120 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $962 49

I would report that nothing more has been done this year towards the erection of our contemplated new Church than to adopt and secure the plans. I have still continued to officiate at Grand Detour every alternate Sunday when the weather would permit.

The growth of the Parish during the past year has not been equal to my expectations; yet the attendance on the services shows a marked increase, and a growing interest, which will, I trust, through the influences of the ever Blessed Spirit, bring forth, in due season, much fruit to the honor and glory of God.

Dundee, St. James'. - - *The Rev. Peter Arvedson.*

Church Wardens—Samuel Wardlow, George Barnet.

Families, 13; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 57.
Baptisms—Infants, 3; Adults, 1; Total, 4.
Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 5. Present Number, 27.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 6.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 4; Total, 56.
Sermons, 61. Lectures and other Addresses, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $2.74; Weekly Collections, 26.13; Extra Expenses, 20.00. Total..... $48 87

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, 42.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 2.00. Total..... 44 00

General.—Domestic Missions..... 2 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $94 87

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

Though the statistics of this year do not, upon the face of them, compare very favorably with those of last year, there are in other ways evidences of an awakening to active Church work. The Sunday School has been revived, under the superintendence of Dr. E. F. CLEVELAND. The ladies of the Parish have organized a society for the cultivation of a more social feeling in the Parish, and for mutual encouragement in Church work; and Lay Reading, in the absence of the Minister, has also been inaugurated, with the consent of the Bishop, Dr. CLEVELAND officiating. St. James', Dundee, is thus far advanced as to sustain, without calling in any one from abroad, the regular morning and evening service every Lord's Day, though the Missionary in charge, on account of his work in St. John's, Algonquin, and at Harvard, can only supply them with a morning service every alternate Lord's Day. "We thank God and take courage," as respects this portion of our Missionary field.

PETER ARVEDSON,
Missionary in Charge.

Elgin, Redeemer. - - John F. Beaty, Lay Reader.

Church Wardens—John F. Beaty, Robert Vasey.

Families, 26; Individuals not thus included, 18; Total of Souls, 115.
Baptisms—Infants, 14.
Confirmed, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 2; Removed, 3.
Present Number, 35.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 2; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 17; Total, 32.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6; Catechumens, 7.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 2; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 6; Total, 56.
Sermons, 108.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $24.00; Alms at other times, 169.35. Total.... ..... $193 35

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $7.23; Diocesan Fund, 38.40. Total..... 45 63

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $238 98

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

Herewith, I send you the report of our Parish for the year last past; and I can only say that we work in faith—and having faith, *we work*. Faithfully, your Son and Servant in Christ,

JNO. F. BEATY.

Evanston, St. Mark's. - - *The Rev. Thos. Lyle.*

(Resigned, 7th of January, 1869.)

Church Wardens — Charles Comstock, A. G. Wilder.

Families. 38.
Baptisms — Infants, 12; Adults, 4; Total, 16.
Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants — Received, 19; Removed, 10. Present Number, 40.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 3; Total, 6.
Scholars: Total, 40.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 11.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 52; Other Days, 5; Total, 57.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 51; Other Days, 15; Total, 66.
Sermons, 100. Lectures and other Addresses, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $21.48; Christmas Festival, 30.65; Charitable purposes, 9.50; All other purposes, 3,379.25. Total $3,440 88

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $9.30; Diocesan Fund, 43.20; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 6.25. Total 58 75

General.—Domestic and Foreign Missions 12 80

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS $3,512 43

This Parish has been without a Rector since June 7th, but we hope this will not continue long. We have had services, morning and evening, every Sunday since. The following Clergymen have officiated during the vacancy: Rev. Dr. ASHLEY, of Milwaukee; Rev. Dr. BENTON, of Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. WM. NEWTON, Rev. Mr. WALLACE, Rev. Mr. JACKSON, Rev. Mr. DUNN, and Rev. Mr. HUME. The Parish is in a healthy condition, and increasing in numbers. We are having accessions to more than counterbalance the removals.

CHARLES COMSTOCK,
Senior Warden.

Fairbury, ———. - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Wardens — Moses Osman, William T. Stackpole.

Families, 7; Individuals not thus included, 41; Total of Souls, 59.
Baptisms — Infants, 4.
Communicants — Present Number, 9.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 3.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 9.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 9.
Sermons, 18. Lectures and other Addresses, 3.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, for Domestic Missions $6 95

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS $6 95

From the first Service the congregation has steadily increased. We have rented "Morris Hall," which is fitted up very well, and we have no trouble from others, as the hall is only used by us. All we have to do is to labor in faith and patience. The Lord will surely bless us.

Farmington, Calvary. - - The Rev. Philander Chase.

Church Wardens—William Wilkinson, T. A. Warner.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 60.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 1. Present number, 23.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 6; Female, 11; Total, 17.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4., Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 15.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 12.
Sermons, 26.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion $3 00
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $11.80; Diocesan Fund, 20.00.
Total 31 80

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS $34 80

I have to state that after my report at the last Convention, I continued to give one-half my time to Onarga, until February, at which time I commenced my visits to Farmington. This accounts for the fact that there are less services reported than Sundays since the Convention.

Of the state of the Parish, I have nothing special to report. The few zealous Church people who have, by God's grace, kept their lights trimmed and their lamps burning, have doubtless been sustained for a purpose, the fruits of which are not yet apparent, but which will, in His own good time, be made manifest.

I have to report for Onarga, besides the services held from September to February, with a few omissions occasioned by sickness in my family, the admission of nearly the entire class of seventeen or eighteen to their first Communion, and shortly thereafter, the marriage of one, and the funeral of another—whom I had married a few months previ-

ous. Thus, while we are called to rejoice with those that do rejoice, as well as weep with those that weep, we cannot but bless God who has inclined the hearts of these young people to seek Him in His own appointed sacraments, and, whether for life or for death, had chosen Him for their portion.

Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's. - *The Rev. H. T. Hiester.*

Church Wardens—Beebe Clark, John Yocum.

Families, 18; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 110.
Baptisms—Infants, 3. Confirmed, 1. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Removed, 11; Died, 1.
Present Number, 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 29; Female, 24; Total, 53.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 4; Total 56.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 12.
Sermons, 68.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $39.45; For Sunday School, 13.00; For Altar and Lectern, 87.10. Total.....$139 55
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund..... 40 00
General.—Foreign Missions..... 5 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$214 55

During the past year this Parish has suffered greatly by the removal of families and Communicants to other sections of the county. As the Parish is a rural one, and their places have not been supplied by Church families, recovery from these losses must necessarily be slow, and in the meanwhile the pecuniary loss be severely felt by those who are still struggling in their isolation to maintain the services, "faint, yet pursuing."

Freeport, Zion. - - *The Rev. William J. Johnstone.*

Church Wardens—Thomas Webster, Daniel S. Brewster.

Families, 70; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 350.
Baptisms—Infants, 17; Adults, 9; Total, 26.
Confirmed, 21. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 21; Received, 7. Present Number, 95.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 12; Total, 17.
Scholars, 90.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 90.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 54; Total, 104.
Sermons, 92. Lectures and other Addresses, 38.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $27.02; Collections for Incidental Expenses, 137.38; Sunday School Offerings, 71.49; Collected for Church Furniture, &c., 205.10; Collected in behalf of Sunday School, 153.38. Total.....$594 37

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $97.20; Diocesan Fund, 80.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 8.31. Total..... 185 51

General.—Domestic Missions, for Bishop Whipple, $27.50; Foreign Missions, 10.00; Missions to Freedmen, 8.35; Bible and Prayer Book Society, 6.60; Society for Increase of Ministry, 6.40; Other General Purposes, 14.82. Total..... 73 67

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$853 55

Galena, Grace. - - - *The Rev. Samuel Edson.*

(Resigned, September 1.)

Church Wardens—Frederick Stahl, Richard Seal.

Families, 55; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 240.
Baptisms—Infants, 9. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Removed, 8. Present Number, 76.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 11; Total, 14.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays and Great Feasts, 16.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 29; Total, 80.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 17; Total, 66.
Sermons, 108. Lectures and other Addresses, 15.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $68.85; Sunday Collections, 100.00; Sunday School Offerings, 68.25; Ladies' Society, 100.00. Total.....$337 10

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $100.00; Diocesan Fund, 90.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 8.80. Total..... 198 80

General.—Domestic Missions, $25.35; Society for Increase of Ministry, 22.00; For Freedmen, 2.00. Total..... 47 35

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$583 25

Galesburg, Grace. - - *The Rev. F. W. Boyd, D. D.*

Families, 75.
Baptisms, 44.
Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 3. Burials, 4.
Communicants — Admitted, 58. Present Number, 75.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $83.17; Organist and Choir, 300.00; Board for Rector, 300.00; Incidentals, 150.00; Introducing Gas, 100.00; Christmas Presents, 50.00. Total.....$983 17

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$983 17

A very urgent call to another Diocese, in which the disinterested judgment of my Bishop coincided with my own, has obliged me to leave this interesting field of labor, with great reluctance, and earnest prayers for God's continued blessings upon the labors of my successor.

Geneseo, Trinity. - - -

Church Wardens — Willis Hinman, Robert Flint.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 125.
Baptisms — Infants, 3.
Marriages, 1.
Communicants — Removed, 10. Present Number, 30.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 4; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 20; Total, 32.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 20; Other Days, 1; Total, 21.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 18; Other Days, 1; Total, 19.
Sermons, 10.

The Parish has been without a Rector since Easter, and the details of the Parochial Report are on that account somewhat imperfect, and, in the absence of a Parish Register, have been mainly furnished from the last Conventional Report to the Bishop, aided, as much as could be, by the memory of the Wardens and Vestrymen in relation to the changes which have taken place during the vacancy of the Parish.

The Rev. WILLIAM E. WALKER, of the Diocese of Wisconsin, has accepted an unanimous call to the Rectorship, and will take charge of the Parish during the present month. Salary, $950, and use of a house as a rectory.

WILLIS HINMAN,
ROBT. FLINT,
Wardens.

Geneva, St. Mark's. - - *The Rev. Wm. Greene.*

Church Wardens—J. F. Warren, B. F. Towner.

Families, 31; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 112.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 2; Total, 4.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 4. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Removed, 8; Died, 1.
Present Number, 37.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 2; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 5; Female, 9; Total, 14.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 2; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 48.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 16; Total, 64.
Sermons, 96. Lectures and other Addresses, 9.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $11.39; Diocesan Fund, 27.00.
Total.....$38 39

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$38 39

The congregation is quite scattered, and the number of children small; but as the population of the village grows, there is no reason to doubt that the strength of the Parish and Sunday School will grow with it. We have lost some very valuable communicants by removal, but others, who had almost ceased to hope for the presence of a Clergyman, have taken their places.

The Rector officiated at St. Charles, on Sunday afternoons, till late in the fall, and spent three Sundays recently with the earnest little band of Churchmen at Fulton, on the Mississippi.

The new church edifice was opened for Divine worship on Easter day; cost, $8,000.

Gillespie, St. John's. - - -

Church Wardens—Benj. L. Dorsey, Richard E. Dorsey.

Families, 7; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total of Souls, 35.
Communicants—Received, 1. Present Number, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 4; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 8; Female, 10; Total, 18.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Sunday School Instruction Books.....$8 50

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$8 50

Gilman, ———. - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 6; Individuals not thus included, 47; Total of Souls, 67.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; Adults, 1; Total, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Received, 2; Died, 1.
Present Number, 8.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4; Other Days, 1; Total, 5.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 13. Evening Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Sermons, 26. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$8 60
General.—Domestic Missions..... 1 40

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$10 00

We worship in Brasee's Hall, which we have rented for the purpose. The congregation is good, and much interested in the service.

Grand Detour, St. Peter's. - *The Rev. W. H. Williams.*

Church Wardens—John Pankhurst, S. Pankhurst.

Communicants—Present Number, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars, Male, 10; Female, 15; Total, 25.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 3.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 1.
Sermons, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

General.—Donation to the Southern Church.....$4 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$4 00

The collection taken up on each Sunday is appropriated towards paying the necessary incidental expenses. The services are conducted on the Free Church system.

Harlem, Christ. - - - - - ——— ———

Church Wardens—John S. Quick, John H. S. Quick.

Families, 24; Individuals not thus included, 17; Total of Souls, 137.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 1; Total, 5.
Marriages, 1.

Communicants—Received, 9; Removed, 5. Present Number, 47.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 7; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 46; Female, 48; Total, 94.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 1; Total, 12.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 50; Total, 102.
Sermons, 104. Lectures and other Addresses, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial	$763 40
Diocesan	44 40
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS	$807 80

The Parish, since January last, has been without a Rector or Minister in charge; the services, however, have been regularly kept up. The month of April last past the "Free Church" system was adopted, and works very satisfactorily. The Parish is in a united and flourishing condition. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. S. QUICK,
Junior Warden.

Hyde Park, St. Paul's. - *The Rev. George F. Bugbee.*

Church Wardens—W. K. Ackerman, E. C. Long.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 180.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 5; Removed, 1. Present Number, 22.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 6; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 30; Total, 50.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 13; Catechumens, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 25.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Sermons, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—By Collections, Subscriptions, &c., during past year	$3,747 67
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund	22 00
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS	$3,769 67

The present Rector has been in charge since the first of June last. I am, therefore, unable to make a full report. The Parish, though in its infancy, is, I think, sure to grow. There is a great amount of

interest manifested among all of our people. The services are well and increasingly attended. Every aspect of the work here is full of promise and encouragement.

There have been no special collections taken during the year. All of the moneys collected have been used in defraying the current expenses of the Parish—the burdens incident to building and getting the Parish under way requiring every thing our people were able to give.

Since the report of last year, the church edifice has been entirely completed and furnished, and the grounds graded and fenced, at a total cost of about $11,500. There remains now a debt of about $4,000.

Jacksonville, Trinity. - - The Rev. I. L. Townsend.

Church Wardens—Henry Stryker, Isaac L. Morrison.

Families, 60; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total of Souls, 250.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 6; Total, 19.
Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 17; Received, 16; Removed, 5; Died, 1. Present Number, 104.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 31; Female, 43; Total, 74.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 7.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 2; Total, 15. Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 45; Total, 87.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 12; Total, 52.
Sermons, 57. Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $23.81; Sunday School, 60.60; Parish Library, 45.90. Total $130 31

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $59.35; Diocesan Fund, 96.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 16.50; St. Andrew's Mission, Marseilles, 5.00; Bonded Debt, 88.03. Total..... 264 88

General.—Domestic Missions, $14.60; Foreign Missions, 10.45; Home Missions to Colored People, 16.91; New York Bible and C. P. Book Society, 11.00; Nashotah, 24.13; Hawaiian Church Mission, 4.60; St. Mark's Church, Dalton, Georgia, 4.60; Church of the Annunciation, New Orleans, 4.60; Destitute Clergymen, 10.00.
Total..... 100 89

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$496 08

The present Rector entered on his duties November 26th, 1868. The items given above date from that time.

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Jerseyville, ———. - - *The Rev. George Gibson.*

Families, 16; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 75.
Baptisms—Infants, 1; Adults, 2; Total, 3.
Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 8; Received, 2; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 18.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Total, 35.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, At each service.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 3; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 20; Other Days, 12; Total, 32.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20; Other Days, 15; Total, 35.
Sermons, 46. Lectures and other Addresses, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $19.28; Church Fund, 275.00; Sunday School and General Parish Purposes, 78.39. Total.....$372 67

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $4.80; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 3.25. Total..... 8 05

General.—Domestic Missions, at Memphis, Tennessee, $4.70; Foreign Missions, Easter Offering, Nashotah, 6.90. Total.. 11 60

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$392 32

Regular services were begun at Jerseyville, in conjunction with Carrollton, in November last. The Rev. Messrs. ABBOTT and DRESSER had held occasional services during the previous summer, and the former presented a class for confirmation. The work has since been sustained with great interest by those who desire the influence and power of the Church to be extended among them, believing that its interest in good law and order is the only check against much of the licentiousness of the times. Here, as in nearly all our Western towns and cities, the Church after every other Christian denomination has been planted; and it is a somewhat singular fact that among these bodies are Churchmen who have helped to make them what they are, and oftentimes we find them chief officers and supporters. It may be worth inquiring why it is so; why these Churchmen have thrown in their influence and time and money to build up bodies opposed to the Church, and have done nothing for the Church; why, as in many instances, when the Church had as fair representation and prospect for starting as its opponents, these men were drawn away to help others, when they could or should have drawn them to the Church? It is a lamentable fact, that the Church should overcome by vigorous teaching.

Joliet, Christ. - - - *The Rev. Charles A. Gilbert.*

Church Wardens—R. P. Denker, B. H. Cheney, M. D.

Families, 85; Individuals not thus included, 14; Total of Souls, 358.
Baptisms—Infants, 9; Adults, 5; Total, 14.
Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 6. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 16; Received, 3; Removed, 16; Died, 1.
Present Number, 107.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 8; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 17; Female, 29; Total, 46.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 15; Catechumens, 28.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 7; Total, 58.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 21; Total, 69.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $59.84; Offerings of the Sunday School, 34.49; Parochial Expenses, 629.01; Organ for the Church, 1,267.88. Total.....$1,991 22

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $89.63; Diocesan Fund, 105.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 7.00; St. Andrew's Church, Marseilles, Illinois, 16.50. Total..... 218 13

General.—Society for Increase of the Ministry..... 50 10

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$2,259 45

A good organ, built by WM. JOHNSON, Westfield, Mass., at a cost of $1,475.00, has been purchased and nearly paid for. For this, we are indebted to the efforts of the ladies of the Parish.

The number of removals to other Parishes has been unusually large, while the number received from other Parishes has been only three. The result of the year's work presents the Parish with a number of Communicants one less than that of the preceding year.

Kankakee, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. Duane S. Phillips.*

Church Wardens—William Sibley, Emory Cobb.

Families, 53; Individuals not thus included, 28; Total of Souls, 240.
Baptisms—Infants, 12; Adults, 13; Total, 25.
Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 7. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 17; Received, 2; Removed, 16; Died, 1.
Present Number, 65.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 10; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 61; Female, 68; Total, 129.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 40; Catechumens, 175.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 10; Total, 60.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 45; Total, 95.
Sermons, 112. Lectures and other Addresses, 48.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $93.73; Current Expenses for Music, 510.00; Sexton, Fuel, &c., 300.00; Repairs, Insurance, &c., 75.00; Sunday School, 198.49. Total.....$1,177 22

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $64.00; Diocesan Fund, 75.60; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 4.35; Assessment on Bonded Debt, 5.82. Total..... 149 77

General.—For Poor Churches at the South, (Lenten Savings of the Sunday School)..... 48 15

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,375 14

I have, by the blessing of God, again to report the continued prosperity of this Parish. The preceding report indicates only a part of the work we have been privileged to do here for Christ and His Church. St. Paul's School, which has now been established a year, is in successful operation, and has numbered during that time about two hundred different pupils. It is under the control of the Rector and five other instructors, all of whom are doing what they can to make it carefully religious and churchly in its influence. Many of our class for confirmation were young men connected with this school, who had not been reared in the Church.

I have continued the work at our mission in Momence, as I have been able. Seven adults and six children have been baptized by me there, and eleven presented for confirmation. The Communicants now number twenty-one. The corner stone of a church edifice (to cost $8,000,) was laid in June last; half a block of valuable land has been secured, and nearly $4,000 raised by subscription for the building. A Sunday School and service (lay reading and otherwise,) are held every Lord's Day. This is a very promising field of labor, and deserves the interest and assistance of the Church at large.

Kankakee Co., St. Anne. - *The Rev. C. B. Guillemont.*

Church Wardens—Laurent Chaillé, Antoine Massé.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 7; Total of Souls, 159.
Baptisms—Infants, 18.
Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 4. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 5; Removed, 2; Died, 1.
Present Number, 59.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 1; Total, 3.
Scholars: Male, 19; Female, 15; Total, 34.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 25; Catechumens, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 7; Total, 59.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 15; Other Days, 12; Total, 27.
Sermons, 69.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions	$2 00
General.—Domestic Missions	5 50
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS	$7 50

Considering the great scattering of our families, the quasi-needy condition of most of them, and also the restless efforts in any way of the sects around us, the result for the past Conventional year is quite encouraging, and we thank the Lord for it.

The visitation, so long expected, of our good and beloved Bishop has been like a blessed dew, bringing to the hearts freshness, and a new vigor.

Had it not been for the very bad state of the roads at that time, thirty candidates, instead of twenty present, should have received the apostolic rite of confirmation.

Some improvements have been made in our humble church building: a new communion table; chancel and pews painted, walls whitened, etc.; a trifle for many others—much for people hard-toiling for daily bread.

It remains, what is more acceptable to God than gold or silver, and for which we shall pray and labor: to adorn His house with living stones; with hearts full of Christian faith and love, and souls all devoted to glorify their great Author, Benefactor and Saviour.

Kewanee, St. John's. - *The Rev. William Thompson.*

Church Wardens—R. P. Parrish, E. V. Bronson.

Families, 48; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 255.
Baptisms—Infants, 8; Adults, 12; Total, 20.
Confirmed, 11. Marriages, 4. Burials, 9.
Communicants—Admitted, 10; Removed, 7. Present Number, 80.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 5; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 35; Female, 40; Total, 75.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 75.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 1.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 10; Total, 62.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 59; Total, 111.
Sermons, 100. Lectures and other Addresses, 59.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Sunday School Library, $119.00; Incidental Expenses, 200.00; Repairs and Improvements, 100.00. Total....$419 00

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $30.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 8.00. Total..... 38 00

General.—American Church Missionary Society, $10.00; Foreign Missions, 34.00; Evangelical Education Society, 7.00. Total.. 51 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$508 00

Knoxville, St. John's. - - The Rev. C. W. Leffingwell.

Church Wardens—William Hester, John Babington.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 80.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 6; Total, 10.
Confirmed, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 6. Present Number, 25.
Sunday School—Teachers: Female, 7.
Scholars: Male, 8; Female, 40; Total, 48.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12. Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 2; Total, 42.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 20; Total, 70.
Sermons, 40. Lectures and other Addresses, 60.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Church Debt and Expenses, $613.80; Sunday School, 64.00. Total.....$677 80

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $27.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 5.00. Total..... 32 00

General.—Bible and Prayer Book Society, 4.00; Foreign Missions, 6.65; Southern Relief, 7.00; Church in Tennessee, 3.00; Education (Nashotah 12.00, and Society for Increase of Ministry, 6.00), 18.00. Total..... 38 65

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$748 45

The revenue of this Parish is raised by voluntary offerings on the Lord's Day, and devoted to the payment of the debt on the church building, which now amounts to about a thousand dollars.

Lacon, St. John's. - - - ——— ———

Church Wardens— F. H. Stire, L. C. Rose.

Families, 3; Individuals not thus included, 1; Total of Souls, 8.
Communicants— Removed, 2.

We have had no Minister for the past year—in fact, no organization. There are only two male members left in this place, and it is impossible to keep the Church open. These are facts we very much regret.

F. H. STIRE,
Senior Warden.

Lewistown, St. James'. - - *The Rev. Philip McKim.*

Church Wardens—S. C. Judd, D. W. C. Bryant.

Families, 24; Individuals not thus included, 14; Total of Souls, 120.
Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 10; Total, 17.
Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 18; Received, 3; Removed and Dropped, 8; Died, 1. Present Number, 27.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 6; Total, 10.
Scholars: Total, 68.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 48.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total, 14.
Private, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 46; Total, 98.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 3; Total, 55.
Sermons, 98. Lectures and other Addresses, 61.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $75.93; Repairs to Furnace, 42.50. Guttering, 34.00; Organ, 200.00; Sunday School Papers, 13.50; Labor, 23.50; Poor, 2.45; Prize Books, 13.75; Wine, 6.75; Sexton, Fuel, Light, and Sunday School purposes, 88.40. Total. $500 78

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $3.70; Diocesan Fund, 22.80; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 3.35; Southern Clergy, 8.80.
Total..... 38 65

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$539 43

The services have been regularly and fully sustained in this Parish the past Conventional year. All the Festivals and Fasts of the Church have been celebrated. The Sunday congregations

have been large generally, and there is a perceptible and steady growth in the attendance. I would refer to the above Report for the details of our Parish work. In addition to the regular services in this place, I have visited Canton, Farmington, Elmwood, Knoxville, and Robin's Nest, officiating at these places, with the exception of Canton, where, for want of means to pay for the use of a hall, no services could be held. There are a few candidates for baptism and confirmation in the Parish. Sixteen of the twenty-one confirmed the past twelve months have been drawn from the sects around us. To God we give the praise for what has been accomplished in this portion of His vineyard.

Limestone, Christ. - *The Rev. Philander Chase.*

Church Wardens—James Clark, John Pritchard.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 100.
Baptisms—Adults, 1.
Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 2. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present Number, 32.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 4; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 23; Female, 22; Total, 45.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4; Other Days, 1; Total, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 22; Other Days, 3; Total, 25.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20.
Sermons, 45. Lectures and other Addresses, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $13.70; Cabinet Organ, 100.00. Total.....$113 70

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 29 65

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$143 35

I have to report a gradual increase in our regular congregations, until our house is barely able to seat those who may be called our regular attendants.

The Congregation have purchased a new cabinet organ, and hope to erect a small tower and have a bell before another year. The freedom from anything like discord, and the increasing attentiveness of the young, has given me much encouragement that God, who inclines their hearts to seek after Him, will bless us with the ingathering of their souls into His fold.

Lockport, St. John's. - *The Rev. W. H. Cooper, D.D.*

Church Wardens—John Griswold, Hiram Norton.

Families, 26; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 104.
Baptisms—Infants, 7. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 5; Present Number, 29.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 7; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 14; Female, 24; Total, 38.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 38.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12.
Morning and Evening Prayer—Sundays, 101; Other Days, 12; Total, 113.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion (above special appropriations), $7.31; Sunday School Library, 21.83; Improvements about Parsonage, 125.00; E. R. Society for Northwest, 16.89; "Missionary Echo," etc., 7.00. Total.....$178 03

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 4 49

General.—Relief of Poor Clergymen, $6.00; "Parish Visitor," 2.84; American Bible Society, 10.21. Total..... 19 05

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$201 57

Manhattan, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. Samuel Cowell.*

Church Wardens—John Young, Edward Crafts.

Families, 10; Total of Souls, 44.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 36.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$13 84

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $10.00; Diocesan Fund, 4.63.
Total..... 14 63

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$28 47

Marengo, Advent. - - *The Rev. John Cauch.*

Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.

The condition of this Parish is about the same as at last Report. Having no place to hold services, there have been none during the past

Conventional year. All my ministerial services in the Parish are included in one marriage and one funeral. During the year, by request of the Wardens and Vestry, I have read prayers and preached in Trinity Church, Belvidere, twenty-six times; also at Emmanuel Church, Rockford, I have read Service and preached twice; and also at St. James', Dundee, I have read Prayers and preached once.

Marseilles, St. Andrew's. - The Rev. Erastus De Wolf.

Church Wardens—William C. Tillson, Henry J. Waite.

Families, 17; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 71.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Marriages, 4.
Communicants—Received, 12; Removed, 2. Present Number, 25.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 3; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 14; Female, 20; Total, 34.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 2; Total, 12.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 6; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 19; Total, 59.
Sermons, 76. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

Throughout the Convention year just closing, as a Parish, we have been forcibly reminded, and that daily, that we belong to the Church Militant. At the time of the meeting of our last Diocesan Convention we, as a Mission, were scarcely one year old, and yet we were passing through the ordeal of church building. Owing to the fact that many outside pledges were only partially redeemed, and some of them not at all, we were left considerably in debt. To add to our burden, which was already very great, for some, to us, as yet unaccountable reason, we were dropped by the Missionary Board. Thus, with a debt pressing hard upon them, and compelled to make up, in part, at least, for the loss of the Missionary Stipend, it has been utterly impossible for my devoted little flock to contribute one dollar to outside objects. From the opening of the new Church, in November last, we introduced what is known as the "Envelope System." It has worked well, having increased during the year from an average of five dollars to about ten dollars per week. Notwithstanding all our trials and tribulations, I am happy to state that things are improving, and we feel confident that there is a bright future for St. Andrew's, Marseilles. The unsurpassed water power of Marseilles is fast being brought into requisition for all kinds of manufacturing purposes, and hence the town is growing rapidly, and the Church is increasing in numbers and interest in a corresponding ratio.

Mendon, Zion. - - - *The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds.*

Church Wardens—Eli Banks, Samuel Haney.

Families, 33; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 163.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 1; Total, 3.
Confirmed, 14. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 6; Received, 2; Removed, 3.
Present Number, 40.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 7; Female, 7; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 34; Female, 72; Total, 106.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6; Catechumens, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 23.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20; Other Days, 2; Total, 22.
Sermons, 43. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $5.00; Sunday School, 118.00. Total.....$123 00

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $28.00; Diocesan Fund, 42.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 5.00. Total..... 75 00

General.—For Bible and Prayer Book Society..... 3 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$201 00

This Parish has been considerably strengthened during the past year by the accession of new members. A class of *fourteen* was confirmed by the Bishop at his last visitation, and several families have been received from other Parishes in the East. The attendance at Church, when the roads were at all passable, has been good, and our little church often overflowing. The great want is still a house of dimensions sufficient for the congregation. With this, the Parish would undoubtedly soon become self-supporting, and able to have the entire services of its Rector. But its means are not yet adequate to the erection of such a church as is here needed, many of the members being in very limited circumstances—recent emigrants from Europe or more Eastern States.

Metamora, Christ. - - *The Rev. A. B. Russell.*

Church Wardens—Charles Rich, Dr. J. M. Clark.

Families, 8.
Communicants—Present Number, 13.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.

Evening Prayer—Number Times, 11.
Sermons, 11.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion..... $9 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$175 00

Hopeful for the future; full congregations, and manifestly increasing interest in whatever relates to the Church; anxious for more frequent services, which they ardently hope to enjoy, when, by the completion of the railroad, the town shall acquire greater prosperity. After years of destitution of the services of the Church, they find themselves too much weakened to do more than they are doing at present, except to keep the church property in repair. Any arrearages to the Diocese would be, for the present, beyond their ability to liquidate.

The utmost harmony and unanimity pervades this little flock—and it is always with great pleasure I visit them, doing hopefully and trustfully what I can for their spiritual good.

Naperville, St. John's. - *The Rev. J. Taylor Chambers.*

Church Wardens—S. P. Stevens, James G. Wright.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 60; Total of Souls, 150.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 5; Total, 7.
Confirmed, 10. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 14; Received, 11. Present Number, 67.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 6; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 44; Female, 57; Total, 101.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 101.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 19; Other Days, 5; Total, 24.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 43; Total, 95.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 64; Other Days, 70; Total, 134.
Sermons, 106. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $45.47; Building Fund (for Rectory), 592.12; Incidental Expenses, 149.60; Sunday School Offerings, 102.39; Special Offerings, 130.00; Sunday School Papers, etc., 14.35. Total.....$1,033 93

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $43.62; Diocesan Fund, 52.80; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 9.65; Bonded Debt, in full, 33.78; St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, 25.00. Total..... 164 85

General.—Domestic Missions (Soldiers of Miss. Army) 6 50

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,205 28

The services, as reported last year, have been regularly performed, except that service at Lisle Station has been held but once a month. On the afternoon of Trinity Sunday, an attentive congregation was present at a service held at Downer's Grove, since when another service has been held.

An appropriate Lectern and Credence have been added to the furniture of the church during the year. They were purchased with the Easter Offerings of the children of the Parish, and serve as standing monuments of their love and self-denial.

The Rector has attended one Chapter meeting of the Northern Deanry, and three Missionary Convocations.

At a late meeting of the Vestry, it was determined to commence, without delay, the erection of a rectory on the lot adjoining the church, generously donated, a year or so ago, by a member of the Parish for that purpose.

Ottawa, Christ. - - The Rev. W. W. Estabrook.

Church Warden — William Osman.

Families, 69; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 326.
Baptisms — Infants, 11; Adults, 2; Total, 13.
Marriages, 5. Burials, 5.
Communicants — Removed, 10. Present number, 85.
Sunday School — Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 12; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 33; Female, 52; Total, 85.
Public Catechetical Instruction — Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 65.
Holy Communion — Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 1; Total, 9.
Private, 7.
Morning Prayer — Sundays, 11.
Evening Prayer — Sundays, 11.
Sermons, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $23.05; Paid on Salary to former Rector, 900.00; House Rent, 150.00; Paid on Rectory, 400.00; Repairs on Rectory, 600.00; Incidental Expenses, 115.10. Total..... $2,188 15

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $110.00; Diocesan Fund, 114.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 12.30. Total..... 236 30

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $2,424 45

The report of religious services embraces only the time the present Rector has had charge of the Parish — since sixth Sunday after Trinity. The Rev. Mr. COAN, the former Rector, celebrated Divine service and preached sermons on Sundays and other Holy Days, up to first Sunday after Easter; from that time Lay services were held until the

present incumbent took charge of the Parish, but there is no official record thereof. The Senior Warden removed from the Parish, and no one has been appointed to fill his place.

The Parish recently purchased a rectory at a cost of $1,000.00, and expended thereon, for repairs, $600.00. The collections for Domestic and Foreign Missions were not taken at the usual time, but we propose taking them on the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, and will therefore be included in the collection for the next year.

Paris, Grace. - - - - - *The Rev. M. Chase.*

Church Wardens—C. W. Levings, Henry Tanner.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 71.
Baptisms—Infants, 1. Confirmed, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, 15.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 2; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 14; Female, 16; Total, 30.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 30.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 11. Evening Prayer—Sundays, 11.
Sermons, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Building Fund, $3,400.00; Prayer Books and Sunday School Books, 17.00; Other Parish Objects, 104.00.
Total $3,521 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $3,521 00

Pekin, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. W. M. Steel.*

Church Wardens—William Stanbery, W. H. Medcalfe.

Families, 48; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 217.
Baptisms—Infants, 5.
Marriages, 3. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Received, 1; Removed, 11; Died, 1.
Present Number, 42.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 7; Total, 10.
Scholars: Total, 80.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 1; Total, 12.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 45; Other Days, 6; Total, 51.
Sermons, 101.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $38.70; City Poor, 11.82; Sunday School, 1.30; Sunday School, additional, 150.58.
Total $202 40

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $3.55; Diocesan Fund, 3.55; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 2.60. Total..... 9 70

General.—Southern Clergy..... 4 65

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$216 75

Peoria, St. John's. - - - The Rev. John Benson.

Church Wardens—Henry I. Chase, Samuel Wilkinson.

Families, 32; Individuals not thus included, 17; Total of Souls, 145.
Baptisms—Infants, 12; Adults, 1; Total, 13.
Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 5. Burials, 10.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 8; Removed, 7; Died, 1. Present Number, 63.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 8; Total, 10. Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 30; Total, 50.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 25.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13. Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 58; Total, 110.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 47; Total, 94.
Sermons, 111. Lectures and other Addresses, 34.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $16.05; Proceeds of Weekly Offertory, 735.57; Other Sources, 557.80. Total..$1,309 42

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $81.25; Diocesan Fund, 63.60; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 6.50. Total..... 150 35

General.—Domestic Missions, $6.00; Foreign Missions, 4.65; Church in the South (with a request that it might go to Jacksonport), 10.00; Church at Dry Grove, Mississippi, 4.50; Church Sunday School Union, 12.00. Total..... 37 15

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,496 92

This is the second year of this Parish, in its separate and proper organization. The Parish gives evidence of stability and growth, which encourages us to hope that it will prove effective in advancing the Master's work, under His guidance and blessing.

As yet it has no church building. The services are held in a hired house, which, however, has, through a few alterations, assumed quite a churchly aspect.

Peoria, St. Paul's. - - - - - - ——— ———

Church Wardens—Alexander G. Tyng, M. Griswold.

Baptisms—Infants, 23; Adults, 4; Total, 27.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 12; Total, 16.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 80; Total, 120.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 38; Total, 90.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 52; Total, 104.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $203.20; Easter Offering (sent to G. P. Lee), 164.05; For a new Communion Set, 44.30; Church at Marseilles, 15.20. Total.....$426 75

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $27.75; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 35.00. Total..... 62 75

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$489 50

Princeton, Redeemer. - *The Rev. G. F. Cushman, D.D.*

Church Wardens—Ferdinand Horton, Thomas M. Woodruff.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 90.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 7; Total, 11.
Burials, 3.
Communicants—Received, 1. Present Number, 22.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 15; Total, 25.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 53; Other Days, 33; Total 86.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 107.
Sermons, 122. Lectures and other Addresses, 12.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $8.47; Collections, 41.04; Sociable, 300.21. Total.....$349 72

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $8.00; Diocesan Fund, 25.20. Total..... 33 20

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$382 92

The Rector took charge of this Parish the first Sunday after Easter, and thus became the first resident Minister of the Church, in a town of four thousand inhabitants, within a hundred miles of Chicago. By the

zeal and energy of the Rev. Mr. NASH, which is held in grateful remembrance, we have a handsome church edifice, but one entirely unfurnished with the proper appliances of worship, and encumbered, alas, with a heavy debt of more than $2,000.

The congregations are large and attentive. Prejudice is being overcome, and a lively interest is manifested in our services. The Congregation is much encouraged, is zealous and earnest, and, by God's help, is determined to work out the difficult problem given it to solve, and it is hoped that another year will witness spiritual and material gains.

Missionary services have been held in the neighboring towns of Malden, Wyanet and Buda, and are included in this report. Of the services and sermons reported, about one-half were rendered at Sycamore and DeKalb. The other official acts at Sycamore will be reported by the Wardens of St. Peter's.

Quincy, St. John's. - *The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.*

Church Wardens—Francis C. Moore, H. A. Williamson.

Families, 100; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 25; Adults, 8; Total, 33.
Confirmed, 25. Marriages, 6. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 25; Received, 6; Removed, 11; Died, 9.
Present Number, 205.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 12; Female, 21; Total, 33.
Scholars: Total, 210.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 210.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 3; Total, 14.
Private, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 17; Total, 69.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 80; Total, 128.
Lectures and other Addresses, 110.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $172.18; Special Public Collection for Industrial School, 79.72; Private Collection for Industrial School, 50.00; Collection for Incidental Expenses, 271.00; Elimination of Church Debt, 7,000.00. Total..... $7,572 90

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $240.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 38.00 Total..... 278 00

General.—Foreign Missions, $55.00; Collections for Nashotah, 249.43. Total..... 304 43

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $8,155 33

For the first time in very many years, St. John's Parish is out of debt. In a Christian spirit and with commendable zeal, and at a time when the mercantile horizon foreboded gloom, a small portion of this people put their hands in their pockets and paid off a church-edifice debt of *seven thousand dollars* ($7,000). Formidable and unpopular as was the attempt to liquidate our obligations at the outset, the consciousness of "*owing no man anything*" has proved so satisfying and agreeable that every contributor rejoices that he helped unshackle the Church of its debt. During the Rectorship of the present incumbent, our Church membership has been doubled, and the size of the Church building increased to twice its original capacity.

Robin's Nest, Christ. - - - - *The Rev. Dr. Chase.*

Church Wardens—Joseph Mayo, John Moss.

Families, 23; Individuals not thus included, 55; Total of Souls, 175.
Confirmed, 3. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Received, 3; Removed, 4; Died, 2.
Present Number, 86.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Total, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 9; Total, 61.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 7; Total, 54.
Sermons, 63. Lectures and other Addresses, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $37.26; Sunday School Library and Papers, 62.00. Total..... $ 99 26

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $75.00; Diocesan Fund, 40.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 7.18. Total..... 122 18

General.—Domestic Missions, $1.00; Foreign Missions, 19.00; Education of Colored Clergymen, 5.00; Southern Clergy, 6.00. Total..... 31 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$252 44

Rockford, Emmanuel. - - - *The Rev. J. E. Walton.*

Church Wardens—Dr. R. P. Lane, W. G. King.

Families, 83; Individuals not thus included, 45; Total of Souls, 475.
Baptisms—Infants, 8.
Confirmed, 2. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5.

Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 8. Present Number, 85.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 10; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 45; Female, 50; Total, 95.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 2; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 2; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 12; Total, 61.
Sermons, 90. Lectures and other Addresses, 12.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $50.36; Easter Offering, 28.48; Sunday Collections, 129.20. Total.....$208 04

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $76.96; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 8.00. Total..... 84 96

General.—Domestic Missions, $76.25; Foreign Missions, 60.00; Society for Increase of the Ministry, 11.42; Aid of Southern Churches, 11.23. Total..... 158 90

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$450 90

Rock Island, Trinity. - The Rev. T. I. Holcomb, B.D.

Church Wardens—Richard Crampton, Henry H. Mayo.

Families, 60; Individuals not thus included, 50; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 10; Adults, 7; Total, 17.
Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 8; Removed, 6.
Present Number, 70.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 10; Total, 14.
Scholars: Total, 155.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12. Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 72; Other Days, 2; Total, 74.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20; Other Days, 1; Total, 21.
Sermons, 92. Lectures and other Addresses, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $79.06; Sunday Collections, 206.96; Sunday School Collections, 136.89; Collected and Paid on new Church, 11,778.52. Total.....$12,201 43

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $40.00; Diocesan Fund, 60.00; Bonded Debt, 85.10. Total..... 185 10

General.—Foreign Missions..... 28 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$12,414 53

Salem, St. Thomas'. - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Warden—Robert H. Whittaker.

Families, 3; Individuals not thus included, 54; Total of Souls, 95.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 3.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 1.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 1.
Sermons, 2. Lectures and other Addresses, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$8 61

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$8 61

There is no place in which we can worship with regularity. The Parish has about $620 cash invested at interest. We hope to build a church some day. We have a Bible, Prayer Books, and a beautiful Communion Service, presented to the Parish by a lady of Cincinnati.

Sidney, ——— - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 2; Individuals not thus included, 50; Total of Souls, 64.
Communicants—Present Number, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Sermons, 26. Lectures and other Addresses, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion $19 10
General.—Domestic Missions..... 3 05

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$22 15

We are using the Baptist Meeting-house as a place of worship. The congregation is good, and the Responsive Service all that could be desired.

Springfield, St. Paul's. - *The Rev. H. N. Pierce, D.D.*

Church Wardens—S. H. Treat, R. P. Johnston.

Families, 80; Individuals not thus included, 450; Total of Souls, 750.
Baptisms—Infants, 27; Adults, 10; Total, 37.
Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 8. Burials, 8.

Communicants—Admitted, 14; Received, 14; Removed, 17; Died, 3.
Present Number, 186.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 11; Total, 17.
Scholars: Male, 80; Female, 90; Total, 170.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 7; Catechumens, 130.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 2; Total, 17.
Private, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 68; Total, 120.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 14; Total, 64.
Sermons, 115. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $203.17; Sunday School, 193.88; General, 2,177.44; For a Church Home, 1,230.00.
Total.....$3,604 49

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $153.85; Diocesan Fund, 213.60; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 35.35; Balance of Bonded Debt, in full, 366.96. Total..... 769 76

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$4,374 25

Of the Baptisms reported, three were registered by the Rev. Mr. JACKSON, my predecessor, and two by Rev. G. P. WALDO. Of the Marriages, two were celebrated by Rev. Mr. WALDO, and one by the Rev. Mr. DRESSER, of Carlinville. Three of the Funerals were attended by Rev. Mr. WALDO, before the present Rector took charge or during his temporary absence. The Rector takes this opportunity to acknowledge valuable aid in the services and otherwise from the Rev. G. P. WALDO, and to return his thanks for the same.

Sterling, Grace. - - *The Rev. J. E. Goodhue.*

Church Wardens—Gabriel Davis, Lorenzo Hapgood.

Families, 55; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 13; Adults, 2; Total, 15.
Marriages, 3. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Received, 7; Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 6; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 37; Female, 53; Total, 90.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 16.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 15.
Sermons, 31.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $30.68; Sunday School Purposes, 75.40; Contingent Expenses, 166.52. Total.....**$272 60**

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $46.25; Diocesan Fund, 57.60; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 4.00. Total..... **107 85**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$380 45**

The statistics of clerical services in this Report are, for the most part, only for the three months since the present Rector took charge of the Parish. The present Rector has been in charge of the Parish such a short time he can hardly judge properly of the real state of the Parish. The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition, and it seems to me that by patience, perseverance and prudent management, with God's blessing, a strong Parish may be built up.

Sycamore, St. Peter's. - - - - *Vacant.*

(The Rev. George F. Cushman, D. D., up to Easter, 1869.)

Church Wardens—John Flinn, Isaac Jonson.

Familes, 34; Total of Souls, 130.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Received, 3; Removed, 10. Present Number, 28.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 8; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 25; Total, 45.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 26.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 26.
Sermons, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $62.18; Other Days, 30.00; Church Sociable, 326.39. Total.....**$418 57**

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $48.76; Diocesan Fund, 28.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 7.95. Total..... **84 71**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$503 28**

Tiskilwa, St. Jude's. - - - *The Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Church Wardens—Oliver Milling, Francis Lefavor.

Families, 34; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 200.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Marriages, 7. Burials, 10.

Communicants—Received, 1; Died, 1. Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 7; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 35; Female, 45; Total, 80.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 1; Total, 9.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 38; Other Days, 4; Total, 42.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 36; Other Days, 10; Total, 46.
Sermons, 50. Lectures and other Addresses, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $30.00; Improvement of Parsonage, 100.00; Church Debt, 700.00. Total.....$830 00

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $50.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 3.25. Total..... 53 25

General.—Domestic Missions..... 10 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$893 25

The Parish appears to be in a prosperous condition. The Church is ready for consecration. Quite an addition has been made to the value of the Parish property.

I had charge of the Church at Princeton until the 1st of March. Until then I officiated there regularly once every Sabbath, and occasionally besides. During the Conventional year, I baptized there five children, and officiated at two funerals.

During the summer, I have preached every other Sabbath afternoon at a point nine miles west of this. There are some ten or twelve Church families in the neighborhood, and some twelve Communicants. Our meetings there are very well attended, and a good deal of interest manifested.

Warsaw, St. Paul's. - The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds, D. D.

Church Wardens—Pierre A. Barker, John W. Marsh.

Families, 32; Individuals not thus included, 22; Total of Souls, 160.
Baptisms—Infants, 9.
Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 1; Removed, 2; Died, 1.
Present Number, 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 10; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 35; Total, 60.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6; Catechumens, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 1; Total, 7.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 3; Total, 28.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 23; Other Days, 40; Total, 63.
Sermons, 51. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $24.00; For Sunday School, 71.75. Total..... $95 75

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $7.15; Diocesan Fund, 31.80; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 6.00. Total..... 44 95

General.—For Bible and Prayer Book Society..... 3 25

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$143 95

There is nothing special in the present state of this Parish. We have again lost, by removal, some of our most valuable and active members—young men. We added at our last Confirmation some valuable members, both heads of families and young men and intelligent women. There are some signs of increased interest in the Church and liberality in providing for its wants, from which we have reason to hope better things for the future.

Waukegan, Christ. - - The Rev. S. Brainard Duffield.

Church Wardens—William Besley, Charles R. Steele.

Families, 74; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls, 280.
Baptisms—Infants, 8; Adults, 1; Total, 9.
Marriages, 4. Burials, 9.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Removed, 9; Died, 1.
Present Number, 86.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 56; Female, 64; Total, 120.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 120.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 3; Total, 18.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 33; Total, 83.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 53; Other Days, 56; Total, 109.
Sermons, 98. Lectures and other Addresses, 49.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $1,188.80; General Expenses, 1,038.72; Sunday Offerings, 153.80; Sunday School Offering for Library, 65.70; Sunday School Christmas Festival, 91.16; Sunday School, other purposes, 3.14. Total.....$2,541 32

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $198.13; Diocesan Fund, 114.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 20.00; On the Bonded Debt, full assessment, 152.10. Total..... 484 23

General.—Sunday School Offering for Church at Laramie, $8.00; Southern Church and Bishop Young, 37.50; To aid a Theological Student at Racine, 10.00; To send Church Missionary Periodicals to State Prison, 7.17. Total..... 62 67

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$2,987 22

This Parish, aside from a large percentage of removals, is in a most prosperous condition. The attendance at the services on the Lord's Day, and Holy Days of the Church, is very excellent.

The offerings, for the year past, have been large, and all arrears to the Diocese and individuals have been paid. The parishioners have nobly joined me in mission work, in the adjoining towns of Lake Forest, Rockland, and Avon. (A Missionary is greatly needed in all these places, for a Rector of a Parish can only give occasional supply.)

I cannot fail to notice, especially, the large Easter offering, which was to place this Parish not only out of debt, but its Rector in a renovated and comfortable home. The amount of that offering was $1,100.93; the remainder, the regular offerings at the Holy Communion.

Waverly, Christ. - - *The Rev. Joseph Adderly.*

Families, 3; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 16.
Communicants—Removed, 1. Present Number, 5.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 8.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 8.
Sermons, 16.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions	$4 00
General.—Domestic Missions	5 00
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS	$9 00

Wilmington, Redeemer. - - *The Rev. E. H. Harlowe.*

Church Wardens—A. C. Bowen, E. Allen.

Families, 46; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total of Souls, 200.
Baptisms—Adults, 4.
Confirmed, 12. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 12; Removed, 3. Present Number, 40.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 30; Total, 55.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50. Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50.
Sermons, 106. Lectures and other Addresses, 36.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $18.20. Total.	$144 20
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund	50 26
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS	$194 46

Wyoming, St. Luke's. - *The Rev. Thos. N. Benedict.*

Church Wardens—Henry A. Holst, Dr. J. G. Greene.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 62.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adults, 1; Total, 3.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 1; Died, 1. Present Number, 21.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 26; Female, 47; Total, 73.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 26.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 5; Other Days, 1; Total, 6.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $12.50; Sunday School Books, 25.00; Improvement of Church Building, 82.25. Total. $119 75

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$119 75

During the past year I have resided at Jubilee College, assisting Dr. CHASE in the work of education and in Chapel service. On alternate Sundays I have officiated at Brimfield and Wyoming. At the latter place a flourishing Parochial School has been inaugurated, which promises to be an efficient instrumentality in extending and strengthening the Church in that place.

OTTAWA, Sept. 14, 1869.

BISHOP WHITEHOUSE:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR—I have but little to report of Clerical duties performed during the past year.

I have baptized three children and preached several times at Peru and Marseilles. Every attempt at preaching has been followed with physical prostration. My health during the winter and spring was very bad. It is now somewhat improved.

I feel that my pilgrimage is drawing near its close, and my chief concern is to be ready to meet that great and solemn event which awaits me.

Yours truly, C. P. CLARKE.

BELVIDERE, Sept. 14, 1869.

RIGHT REVEREND HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE:

Not being in connection with a Parish, in consequence of ill health, I report to you the services I have performed.

I attend the Church at Belvidere, and occasionally assist in the services; and, in consequence of the Parish not having a Priest, I have administered the Holy Communion seven times. I have made visits and calls, over two hundred, where I have left religious literature; have visited a few sick persons.

Yours with esteem, JOHN A. FITCH.

355½ BOWERY, NEW YORK, Sept. 7, 1869.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR — Prevented by infirmities from performing the duties of a Clergyman, my report for the Conventional year, ending September, 1869, consists merely in stating that I have remained in the city of New York; visited a few individuals in their sickness; and, on one occasion, assisted at the celebration of the Holy Communion in St. John's Church, New Brunswick, Diocese of New Jersey.

Respectfully and very truly yours, ASA GRISWOLD.

CHICAGO, Sept. 14, 1869.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &c.,
Bishop of Illinois:

DEAR SIR — Permit me to submit this, my report of services performed since I came into your Diocese, on the 27th day of May, 1869.

From that time to the present, I have resided in the city of Chicago, and by invitation of the Wardens of various Parishes, I have held Divine service on Sunday mornings, twelve times; on Sunday evenings, twelve times; and also preached on Sundays twenty-four times, and lectured twice on other days.

Very respectfully, J. N. HUME.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ALBION, Ill., 1869.

I beg leave respectfully to report my own ministrations in St. John's Church, Albion, Ill., during the last Conventional year, and to have it accepted in lieu of one from the Parish with the required statistics.

My services have been given to St. John's Church twice on each Sunday, and for the greater part of the year on one night during the week. On the first Sunday in every month, and also on Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension Day and Whitsunday, the Communion has been administered. Collections have been made quarter-yearly for Missionary and Diocesan Fund purposes. The Sunday Schools continue well attended and well served, and the Parish generally is in a

prosperous condition. There is need of a home for the Minister close to the Church, and efforts are now being made to secure so desirable an end. We feel (I speak for the people as well as for myself) the evil of our great distance from sister Churches, brother Ministers and our beloved Bishop, and hope to see this evil lessened in an early lapse of time.

BENJAMIN HUTCHINS,
Officiating in St. John's Church, Albion, Ill.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., Bishop of Illinois.

CHILLICOTHE, Sept. 13, 1869.

RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, Bishop of Illinois:

DEAR SIR—As my Report from my present Parish only occupies the portion of the year since May 1st, I report, that from the beginning of the Conventional year, I officiated regularly at Trinity Church, Polo, until February 15, 1869. Confirmations, 8; Burials, 1; Communions, 4; Morning Prayer, 23; Evening Prayer, 23; Sermons, 46; other Addresses, 2.

From this time until May 1st I officiated and preached: At Palmyra, twice; Prairieville, once; Woosung, once; Charleston, twice; Peoria, twice; Champaign, once; Tuscola, twice; Arcola, twice; Chillicothe, twice; and Baptized two Infants; Holy Communion, once.

I do not report in full the statistics from Trinity Church, Polo, as the Wardens will do so.

Yours truly, W. Y. JOHNSON.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 11, 1869.

RIGHT REVEREND HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, LL.D., D. D.,
Chicago, Illinois:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR—By the good providence of the Lord, I am again in the land of my adoption, after a pleasant and not unprofitable visit to my native land. I have been just one year absent. In Ireland, your kind letter of commendation gained for me ready recognition at the hands of the Bishops and Clergy of the Irish Church; and from three several Bishops I received offers of appointment to Curacies in Ireland.

In my native town, Westport, in the west of Ireland, where I was born—and where my early religious education was received—a vacancy in the curacy of the Union (three Parishes being held by the same Rector, the venerable Arch-Deacon of Tuam,) then happening, I was very promptly offered it by the Arch-Deacon; and at the urgent solicitation of friends, I accepted it for such time as I might remain in that part of the kingdom. My Letters of Orders and your commendatory letter were sent to the Bishop of the Diocese (Tuam), and his

Lordship very promptly and cordially approved my appointment; and so I became the Curate in the Parish where I received my birth, and officiated in the same Church at whose Altar I had been baptized and confirmed and married—a very rare occurrence; and there for five months I continued to officiate—preaching, generally, three sermons each week, as also reading prayers and administering the Holy Communion.

I resigned this Curacy on the first of June last, with the view of traveling for a few weeks before my returning; but just then a neighboring Clergyman, the Rev. W. D. ROE, Vicar of Burreshoole (Newport), was called to visit England as one of a deputation to give lectures in opposition to Mr. GLADSTONE's effort to disestablish and disendow the Irish Church—and I was requested to take charge of his Parish for a few weeks during his absence, the Bishop of Tuam having written me on the subject. I consented, and for eight weeks had full charge there—and for all my services was liberally and promptly remunerated; and on leaving had many kind and affectionate words and acts of affectionate regards.

Last Sunday was spent at Hudson City, N. J. I read the Lessons, preached and assisted the Rector—Rev. Mr. NOBLE—at morning service, and preached again in the evening in the same Church; and at the request of the Rector, I baptized the infant child of Mr. THOMAS ROBINSON, whose family I had known in former years in Ireland.

I am very much improved in health, and feel strong and willing to work for God and his Church, should a field be open for my labors. I regret that it may not be in my power to reach Chicago in time for the Convention, and, lest I should not, I send this as my report. There is very strong and kindly feeling expressed by Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Irish Church for our own Church, and in their reconstruction will be guided by our Constitution and Canons very much.

With affectionate and sincere regard,

I am, Dear Bishop, yours very truly,

M. MAGILL.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR BISHOP:

Since attending the last Diocesan Convention, I have officiated in Henry county until sickness disabled me from taking the journey, and prevented me from moving to that field of labor as arranged—having organized a Church of twenty-five Communicants, with whom I celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Have preached once in St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge; also, in the same Parish, administered the Holy Communion to a sick person, with other recipients present at the visitation, and am now, agreeably to the permission of my kind Diocesan, arranging to officiate at some of the unoccupied places in La Salle county.

JAMES A. WOODWARD.

MILLICAN, Texas, Sept. 1, 1869.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &C:

DEAR SIR—I beg leave to report to you, that I labored regularly for six months in Belvidere, Ill., from October 1st, 1868, to April 1st, 1869. During this time the Parish enjoyed an unusual degree of prosperity; but, as I have no access to the Journal, I cannot give particulars.

In consequence of having failed to dispose of my property in Texas, I felt compelled to return to my family at this place, and am now regularly officiating and teaching a Parish School at the Mission in Millican, through the courtesy and kind co-operation of Bishop GREGG.

Very respectfully,

A. J. YEATER.

APPENDIX III.

STATEMENT OF CORRECT AMOUNT DUE FROM PARISHES SEPT. 1, 1867—BEING REVISION OF TABULAR STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE ON BONDED DEBT, AS PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL, 1868, pp. 47–49.

Parishes marked thus * have settled at old rate.

Albion	St. John's	$ 57 92
Algonquin	St. John's	1 84
Alton	St. Paul's*	330 07
Amboy	St. Thomas'	40 51
Arcola	Christ Church	63 00
Aurora	Trinity	191 05
Belvidere	Trinity	258 90
Bloomington	St. Matthew's	284 45
Brimfield	Zion	90 11
Bement	Atonement	43 40
Cairo	Redeemer	....
Carlinville	St. Paul's	....
Centralia	St. John's	53 60
Chester	St. Mark's	....
Chesterfield	St. Peter's	11 41
Chicago	Ascension*	69 96
Chicago	Atonement	271 00
Chicago	Christ Church *	88 60
Chicago	Grace*	367 15
Chicago	Holy Communion	424 64
Chicago	St. Ansgarius'	550 09
Chicago	St. James'*	975 98
Chicago	St. John's	169 35
Chicago	Trinity*	680 47
Collinsville	Christ Church	177 20
Decatur	St. John's	29 77
Dixon	St. Luke's	37 80
Dundee	St. James'	....
Farmington	Calvary	2 63
Farm Ridge	St. Andrew's*	95 07
Freeport	Zion	181 24
Galena	Grace	424 18
Galesburg	Grace	64 66
Geneseo	Trinity	90 80
Geneva	St. Mark's*	5 60
Gillespie	St. John's	....
Grand Detour	St. Peter's	95 55
Hyde Park	St. Paul's	36 40
Jacksonville	Trinity*	88 03

Joliet	Christ Church *	$ 82 23
Kewanee	St. John's	127 92
Knoxville	St. John's	62 40
Kankakee Co	St. Anne's	122 00
Kankakee	St. Paul's*	5 82
Lacon	St. John's	57 20
Lee Centre	St. Paul's	149 64
Lewistown	St. James'	....
Limestone	Christ Church	....
Lockport	St. John's	197 60
Manhattan	St. Paul's	180 34
Marengo	Advent	129 90
Mendon	Trinity	6 21
Mattoon	Zion	214 50
Metamora	Christ Church	95 55
Morris	St. Thomas'	183 90
Naperville	St. John's*	33 78
Onarga	Trinity	99 00
Ottawa	Christ Church	205 27
Pekin	St. Paul's	269 00
Peoria	St. Paul's	354 83
Peru	St. Paul's	68 36
Pittsfield	St. Stephen's	300 10
Polo	Trinity	159 40
Princeton	Redeemer	94 25
Providence	Zion	210 25
Quincy	St. John's*	593 20
Robin's Nest	Christ Church	147 57
Rockford	Emmanuel	447 67
Rock Island	Trinity*	85 10
Rock Island Co	Grace	338 00
Rushville	Christ Church	13 00
Salem	St. Thomas'	29 90
Springfield	St. Paul's*	366 96
Sycamore	St. Peter's	152 10
Shelbyville	Trinity	....
Sterling	Grace	....
Tiskilwa	St. Jude's	65 91
Tremont	Christ Church	60 10
Tuscola	St. Mary's	7 00
Utica	St. George's	51 00
Warsaw	St. Paul's	123 19
Waukegan	Christ Church*	152 10
Waverly	Christ Church	36 40
Wilmington	Redeemer	41 64
Wyoming	St. Luke's	77 22
Total		$12,549 94

APPENDIX IV.

CHANGES MADE BY THE GENERAL CONVENTION OF 1868, IN THE Canons of the Church.

AMENDMENT OF CANONS.

We certify that the following are the changes made in the Canons, at the session of the General Convention, held in the city of New York, October, 1868, and that the said changes are to be arranged in the following order, as required by Canon 2, of Title IV, of the Digest.

WM. H. ODENHEIMER, D. D.,
Bishop of New Jersey.

JOHN B. KERFOOT, D. D., LL. D.,
Bishop of Pittsburgh.
Committee appointed by the House of Bishops.

BENJ. I. HAIGHT, D. D.,
HAMILTON FISH, LL. D.,
Committee appointed by the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

New York, April, 1869.

Section II., of Canon 10, of Title I, is amended so as to read as follows:

§ II. And if such foreign Clergyman be a Deacon, he shall reside in this country at least one year, and obtain in this country the requisite testimonials of character, before he be ordained a Priest.

Canon 11, of Title I, is amended so as to read as follows:

CANON 11.

Of Persons not Ministers in this Church officiating in any congregation thereof.

No Minister in charge of any congregation of this Church, or, in case of vacancy or absence, no Church Wardens, Vestrymen, or Trustees of the congregation, shall permit any person to officiate therein,

without sufficient evidence of his being duly licensed or ordained to minister in this Church; *Provided*, that nothing herein shall be so construed as to forbid communicants of the Church to act as Lay Readers.

Canon 11, Title I, Section I. and II., is hereby repealed, *Provided* that such repeal shall not affect any case of a violation of said Canon committed before this date; but such case shall be governed by the same law as if no such repeal had taken place.

Clause [2.] of Section VI, of Canon 12, of Title I, is amended so as to read as follows:

[2.] Where Parish boundaries are not defined by law, or settled by Diocesan authority under the second Section of Canon V, of Title III of the Digest, or are not otherwise settled, they shall, for the purposes of this Section, be defined by the civil divisions of the State, as follows:

Parochial boundaries shall be the limits, as now fixed by law, of any village, town, township, incorporated borough, city, or the limits of some division thereof which may have been recognized by the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee. as constituting the boundaries of a Parish.

If there be but one Church or congregation within the limits of such village, town, township, borough, city, or such division of a city or town as herein provided, the same shall be deemed the parochial cure of the minister having charge thereof. If there be two or more congregations or Churches therein, it shall be deemed the cure of the ministers thereof; and the assent of a majority of such ministers shall be necessary; but nothing in this Canon shall be construed to prevent any Clergyman of this Church from officiating in any Parish Church, or in any place of public worship used by any congregation of this Church, or elsewhere within the parochial cure of the minister of said congregation, with the consent of the Clergyman in charge of such congregation; or, in his absence, of the Church Wardens and Vestrymen or Trustees of such congregation, or of a majority of them.

When, under Diocesan authority, a new parish is constituted, and its boundaries defined, this section shall be applicable to the same as so established.

Section I, of Canon 14, of Title I, is amended so as to read as follows:

§ I. The Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies shall keep a register of all the Clergy of this Church, whose names shall be delivered to him in the following manner; that is to say: Every Bishop of this Church, or where there is no Bishop the Standing Committee of the Diocese, shall at the time of every General Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the said Secretary, a list of the names of all the ministers of this Church in their proper Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or of their stations in any Colleges or other Seminaries of learning; or, in regard

to those who have not any cures or other stations, their places of residence only; and also, with particulars of time and place of all ministers belonging to the Diocese, who have been ordained to the Diaconate, or the Priesthood, or have been deposed or have died since the preceding General Convention; and the said list shall, from time to time, be published in the Journals of the General Convention.

A new Canon, to be numbered Canon 21, of Title I., is enacted as follows:

CANON 21.

Of the Consecration of Churches.

§ I. No Church or Chapel shall be consecrated until the Bishop shall have been sufficiently certified that the building and ground on which it is erected have been fully paid for, and are free from lien or other incumbrance.

§ II. It shall not be lawful for any Vestry, Trustees, or other body authorized by law of any State or Territory to hold property for any Diocese, Parish, or Congregation, to encumber or alienate any consecrated Church or Chapel without the previous consent of the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which such Church or Chapel be situated; *Provided* that this Section shall not be operative in any State, with the laws of which, relating to the taking and holding of property by religious corporations, the same may conflict.

§ III. No consecrated Church or Chapel shall be removed, taken down, or otherwise disposed of, for any "unhallowed, worldly, or common use," without the previous consent of the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which such Church or Chapel may be situate.

Canon 2, of Title II, is amended so as to read as follows:

CANON 2.

Of Offences for which Ministers may be tried and punished.

§ I. Every Minister of this Church shall be liable to presentment and trial for the following offences, viz.:

1. Crime or immorality.
2. Holding and teaching publicly or privately, and advisedly, any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.
3. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the General Convention.
4. Violation of the Constitution or Canons of the Diocese to which he belongs.
5. Any act which involves a breach of his Ordination vows.

And on being found guilty, he shall be admonished, suspended, or degraded, according to the Canons of the Diocese in which the trial takes place, until otherwise provided for by the General Convention.

§ II. If a Minister of this Church shall be accused by public rumor of discontinuing all exercise of the ministerial office without lawful cause, or of living in the habitual disuse of public worship or of the Holy Eucharist according to the offices of this Church, or of being guilty of any or either of the offences enumerated in the first section, it shall be the duty of the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, of the clerical members of the Standing Committee, to see that an inquiry be instituted as to the truth of such public rumor. And in case of the individual being proceeded against and convicted according to such rules or process as may be provided by the Conventions of the respective Dioceses, he shall be admonished, suspended, or degraded, as the nature of the case may require, in conformity with their respective Constitutions and Canons.

Section III, of Canon 9, of Title II, is amended so as to read as follows:

§ III. The charges having been prepared in either of the modes first above mentioned, shall then be delivered to the Presiding Bishop, if he be not the accused, nor related to the accused in any degree mentioned hereinafter in this Canon; in either of which cases, the charges shall be delivered to the next Bishop in seniority not so related.

The following Canon, to be numbered Canon 13, of Title II, is enacted as follows:

CANON 13.

Of Marriage and Divorce.

No Minister of this Church shall solemnize matrimony in any case where there is a divorced wife or husband of either party still living; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties once divorced seeking to be united again.

Section V, of Canon 1, of Title III, is amended so as to read as follows:

§ V. In order that the contingent expenses of the General Convention may be defrayed, it shall be the duty of the several Diocesan Conventions to forward to the Treasurer of the General Convention, at or before any meeting of the General Convention, three dollars for each clergyman within such Diocese.

The following Canon, to be numbered Canon 8, of Title III, is enacted as follows:

CANON 8.

Authorizing the formation of a Federate Convention or Council of the Dioceses within any State.

It is hereby declared lawful for the Dioceses now existing, or hereafter to exist, within the limits of any State or Commonwealth, to establish for themselves a Federate Convention or Council, representing such Dioceses, which may deliberate and decide upon the common interests of the Church within the limits aforesaid, but before any determinate action of such Convention or Council shall be had, the powers proposed to be exercised thereby shall be submitted to the General Convention for its approval.

Nothing in this Canon shall be construed as forbidding any Federate Council from taking such action as they may deem necessary to secure such legislative enactments as the common interests of the Church in the State may require.

APPENDIX V.

Diocese of Illinois.

CANON REGARDING PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION AND INCORPORATION WITH DIRECTIONS FOR ORGANIZATION.

CANON VIII.

Of Parochial Association and Incorporations.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any number of persons not less than twelve, males of full age, friendly to the Episcopal Church, and desirous of concentrating their endeavors, to associate and organize themselves as a Parish in the following manner:

I. Notice shall first be given to the Bishop, or, if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee, of the intention thus to associate and organize. Said notice shall be in writing, and contain such information in the premises, as may enable the Bishop to judge of the propriety of the act, which paper shall be signed by the persons respectively, who propose to organize. If the Bishop approve of the proposed organization, he shall give a written certificate to that effect, which approval shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Convention with the other papers, and the approval of the Bishop of the organization be essential for the admission of the Parish into union with the Convention. The notice to the Bishop shall contain the following Article: "We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply sensible of the truth of the Christian Religion, and earnestly desirous of promoting its holy influences in our own hearts, and in those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of ———, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and the Diocese of Illinois, the authority of whose Constitution and Canons we do hereby recognize, and to whose Liturgy and mode of Worship and Discipline we promise conformity."

On the approval by the Bishop, or in the event of a vacancy in the Episcopate, by the President of the Standing Committee, of the proposed organization, the proceedings shall be as follows:

1. Notice shall be given, on some occasion of public Morning Service, at least two weeks previous to the time of meeting, that the

persons belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church, or desirous of uniting with the same, will meet at a time and place specified, for the purpose of incorporating themselves, adopting a Constitution for the Parish, and electing the requisite number of wardens and vestrymen. This notice shall be given by the Clergyman, if there be one, and if not, by some neighboring Clergyman, invited to hold service, and give the notice, and also preside on the occasion of the meeting for organization.

2. At the time of the meeting, the Clergyman, as aforesaid, shall preside; a Secretary shall be appointed; a book provided for the minutes, in which should be first entered the names of the persons who attend, and are qualified to vote, and a record made of all papers and action, previously had, in reference to the association and organization.

3. A Constitution for the Parish shall then be adopted according to the prescribed form.

See "CONSTITUTION AND CANONS OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS," p. 23.

4. All the provisions of the statute for religious incorporations of the State of Illinois, and of any Canon of the General Convention, shall be strictly followed and observed, and all the acknowledgments or record, thereby required, be duly made, and the whole proceedings of the meeting be certified by its Presiding Officer and Secretary.

5. The application for admission into union with the Convention of the Diocese shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Convention at least one month before the meeting of the annual Convention, which application shall be accompanied with a copy of the minutes duly certified, and of all the other papers, the certificate of the Bishop, approving of the organization, and the proof of record or other acts required by the statute. *Provided*, however, that such Parish shall have at least six communicants to entitle it to representation in the Convention.

DIRECTIONS.

PRELIMINARY.

1. For Parochial Association there must be at least twelve persons of full age friendly to the Episcopal Church. Sec. 1.

NOTICE TO THE BISHOP AND APPROVAL.

1. Notice must be first given to the Bishop of the intention thus to associate.

2. The notice to the Bishop must contain the Article beginning—"We whose names"—to—"promise conformity."

3. This notice in writing must "contain such information in the premises as may enable the Bishop to judge of the propriety of the act."

4. The Bishop, if he approves, will then give a written Certificate to that effect, and this Certificate is initiatory and fundamental for the admission of the Parish into union with the Convention.

PROCEEDINGS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE BISHOP'S APPROVAL.

1. Notice on some occasion of public morning service at least two weeks previous, in the words and tenor of sub-section 1.

2. Notice must be by a Clergyman.

3. The same Clergyman must preside at the meeting for organization.

THE MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION.

1. Clergyman, as aforesaid, must preside.

2. Secretary be appointed.

3. A Book provided for the Minutes.

4. The entry first made of all persons who attend and are qualified to vote.

5. A record must be made in order of all papers and action previously held. This will include necessarily:

1. The notice to the Bishop.
2. His approval.
3. The papers or action collateral.

6. A Constitution for the Parish must be there adopted as prescribed in form in Canon VIII, p. 23, of the Diocese of Illinois.

7. Steps must be taken to incorporate legally under "the Statute for Religious Incorporation of the State." Also, of any Canon of the General Convention. Those having reference might be, Tit. I, Canon 12, § VI, [2]. Tit. III, Canon 5, § 5, I, II.

All acknowledgments and record must be duly made.

8. Proceedings of meeting certified by the Presiding Officer and Secretary.

APPLICATION FOR UNION WITH THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

1. Application must be forwarded to the Secretary at least one month before the Annual Convention.

2. Accompanied by a copy of minutes duly certified.

3. All other papers embraced, viz.:
   1. Notice to the Bishop.
   2. Certificate from Bishop.
   3. Proof of public notice and its due form.
   4. The minutes of meeting.
   5. The Constitution as prescribed.
   6. Proof of legal incorporation, of acknowledgment and record.
   7. Certificate that Parish contains at least six communicants.

If the minutes have been fully and properly kept, and papers transcribed in order, the above will require little more than the certified copy of the minutes themselves.

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Episcopal Address.

To the Clergy and Delegates
of the Thirty-Second Convention,
and to the Clergy and Laity
of the Diocese of Illinois;
Greeting in the Lord:

Beloved in the Catholic Faith and Body
of Christ:

Welcome once more, to the Annual Diocesan Council, in the name and love of the Divine Saviour, and in the trust of His presence through the Holy Spirit.

We meet, as always, in the unity of the Visible Church, with its historic Ministry, Sacraments, and Worship; witnessing to Catholic Truth in our organization, and ministering in its service by work and suffering. We meet in loyal recognition of our federate union in the "Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America." We meet in the larger unity of the Anglican Communion, conscious that fourscore years have only confirmed the bonds and verified the integrity of our hereditary estate. We meet in descent legitimate, and without attainder, for all that is Catholic in the Church's Faith, Discipline, and Worship, to hold it, or to vindicate it. We meet, Member of a Branch of the Church, which has never

broken its succession, since Apostles went to the British Isles, nor has ever yielded its autocephalous independence. Above all, it has never cast away any portion of Christendom by anathema or excommunication. As far as any act or fact of ours goes, we are in communion with the Christian world. We have simply held our Catholicity—"the Apostle's doctrine and fellowship, the breaking of the Bread and the Prayers." Others have only to substantiate theirs by going alike to the common standard, and "maintaining the Faith in its purity and integrity, as taught in Holy Scripture, held by the Primitive Church, summed up in the Creeds, and affirmed by the undisputed General Councils."

Welcome, too, beloved, in our brotherhood of "infirmities," which remind us, at every step, of the humiliation and shame of sin, and force us for help to the Great Restorer. Welcome in the hard forms of our daily life—the toil and pressure of the world, its burthen of maintenance, and the bitter experience of its meanness, strife, and deceptions; its antagonism with the spiritual in the discipline of the Church, and in the aspirations of the soul. But, thrice welcome in our saintly fellowship of covenant blessing, where the worst can be overmastered by the grace of Christ sufficient, and be transmuted into blessing by that "strength made perfect in weakness."

OBITUARY.

We have lost this year by death, one of our valued and distinguished Presbyters, Rev. Roswell Park, D.D., whose work has been at the fountain head of Church life—Christian scholarship, and Church education.

Immanuel Hall, in the vicinity of this city, was founded by him, and I trust will grow on in work and

blessing, though he who so tenderly watched its infancy has passed from an earthly charge.

The scholarship of Dr. Park was signally comprehensive. The application of his powers was harmonious and vigorous; his deportment eminently that of a Christian gentleman; his piety sincere and uniform, as expressed in his teaching or his life.

The Church in different parts of our country has record of his labors, educational and parochial. Wherever thus broadly known, his works are held in remembrance, and his loss is appreciated as a sorrow for the Church.

TRI-ENNIAL COUNCIL.

The year which has passed has been eventful; and it falls to my lot to present to you now, and through you to the Diocese, some of these incidents, and such comments as my office may claim or warrant.

First among them has been the meeting of our Triennial Council, and we must briefly note the spirit and acts of that important assembly.

You need not be told how it is constituted, and how thoroughly it is representative of the whole American Church, its dioceses and its membership—with republican freedom and popular equality. You little need to be told what a gathering of picked men take seat for its deliberations, and what stores of honor, wisdom, and devout feeling the renowned in political and the gifted in social life bring to that Ecclesiastical "WITTENAGEMOTE." If any manifestations can be relied upon for the tone and spirit of our Church it must be found there. If any test can be afforded of an average consciousness of what is right and safe for the Church in her current agitations, it must be found through the free

debates, and concurrent legislation, of that Senate House of Bishops, and its popular aggregate of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

An approaching meeting of this body necessarily evokes the sentiment of the Church in individual opinion or partisan anxiety. It intensifies and combines discrepancies which may be otherwise floating and unorganized, with a view of influencing the formation or shaping the course of the General Convention. Hence it may be a crisis where opinions may be sharply cut, and feelings may rise to earnestness or strife, alarming for our harmony, and even threatening to our oneness.

This was unfortunately to a peculiar degree the state of things pending the late Tri-ennial meeting.

A Radicalism broke out, (easy enough to explain as the Church is situated in the United States), which assailed the foundation in apostolic succession; its principles of Sacramental grace; the old forms and words of the liturgy; the separation of its orders; its Catholic breadth of opinion; the integrity of the English Reformers; and claimed almost revolutionary changes by minatory projects of disunion and separation.

On the other hand, with more thoughtful origin and deeper work, but with suspicious facts and tendencies, Ritualism, so called, disturbed the Anglican Communion. It conflicted with established order; modified our worship, ceremonially; and introduced, without authority, practices, ornaments, services, and discipline, not recognized in the Church of England or our own; especially a dogmatic symbolism in the Holy Communion asserted what the Anglican Church had not thus defined, and which, perhaps, never had been defined except in the rationalizing terminology of the

Church of Rome. "The leprosy of Transubstantiation." *

I have no conscious sympathy with any of these extremer views, and have never allowed myself to be seduced or driven into partisan affinity with either. But I feel assured that the great truths they, on either side, contentiously put in opposition, are in living harmony and indissoluble unity. We all, however, appreciate that there may be material of conflict and lawlessness in a partial apprehension of them, and that each extreme may find abettors and defenders.

Thank God that Radicalism has so few within the Diocese of Illinois, and Ritualism fewer still. I do not know the minister, within my jurisdiction, who would, I think, sustain a single one of these questionable practices against my "godly admonition."

The General Convention met in the midst of this conflict of opinion, when lookers-on, who did not understand the Church, predicted inevitable separation. It gathered, in the full representation of all the Dioceses—from Maine to California—under the influence of their respective diversity. It was pressed for the resolution of the difficulties through revision of the Liturgy; the free admission to our pulpits of ministers of the religious bodies around us; a promiscuous union; condemnation of terms liable to abuse; the rigid defining of ceremonial; and the sharper injunction by sacramental rubric. The Ritualistic party, as such, asked nothing legislative, but only to be let alone.

There is, I think, a common spirit and aim underlying these opposite systems in their present conflict. They are both impelled by a consciousness of the want of unity in the Body of Christ, and the imperfect influ-

* Bp. Cosins.

ence which the Gospel has gained over human nature, individually and socially. "A Catholic current is passing through the world." The one expects to remedy these defects through an increase of objective reality in the Church as the Divine organization—the Body of Christ. The other regards, mainly, the internalism of the moral and religious life in faith and sentiment, subjectively realized in the individual heart as an emotional state. Properly there should be no conflict between these two phases of the one Gospel. "Neither the truths nor the expression of them are inconsistent, but are so in semblance merely, as all are embraced within the many-sided perfection of the truth as it came from God. If we understood aright the teaching of Holy Scripture in its breadth, we should find in that teaching that comprehensive truth in which to reconcile the divergent articulation of modern Theological Schools." *

"A man need not forget his separate relation to God when contemplating the progress, the organization, the imperial majesty of the realm of Christ. It may, however, be admitted that the undue predominance of one of these considerations is a danger for individuals or for particular ages or portions of the Church against which it is necessary to take precautions." †

The Church of Christ is founded on the Incarnation and Inspiration—the God-man of Bethlehem and the Holy Ghost of Pentecost. From both united, the Christian Church, Visible and Holy, was created, is perpetuated, and works. There is, in consequence, an indissoluble connection between the Means of Grace and the Workings of Grace. The denial or the imperfect conception of this inviolable relation leads to false

* Marriott Eirenika, 92.

† Liddon, Univ. S., p. 14.

objectivity, or false subjectivity. The true doctrine of the Church rests upon the organic reciprocity of both the means and operations of Grace, which are one in life and activity, though they may be distinguished for the sake of argument. In the Gospel economy in the Church, and its experimental reproduction in the human soul, these expressions are no way antagonistic, but are factors of the one result. The "Christ outside of us" in the Church, which is His Body, the organism of which He is the Living Omnipresent Head, is not in any conflict with the "Christ within us," but they are conditioned, one of the other. "The disregard of Christ in the Church leads, logically, to the denial of the Incarnation and its correlatives, and then subjective religion ceases to be subjective Christianity." The Christ within us in that condition is nothing but a general idea. The unhappy phenomenon occurs, which largely exists in our sectarian religionism, that the human soul is put in place of Christ. "The disregard of the Christ within us is to make the Church and its salvation nothing more than the outward sensible presence of Christ was to the unbelievers of His age."

There must be organic reciprocal relation between Scripture tradition, the Historic Church, and the Christian individual born of the Spirit, "from the womb of the Church." He must be thus born, not only sacramentally, but through awakening, conversion, and wrought-out sanctification,—through faith which then is the trustful union with Christ, as the Saviour of the world and his own Saviour, in whom the regenerate man finds divine life, with its individual impulses and experience, in new and holy habits of discipline and obedience, which comprehend alike the living objective means and all the inner freedom of the quickened

nature. The Church is holy, because Christ is in it, the wisdom and the power of God, and its aim is the redemption and sanctification of every man. The believer, in and through that Church, apprehends that for which he is apprehended, and takes into his own nature, with its awful egoism, the pursuit and realization of a Christ-like holiness.

I cannot admit for an hour that there is any real antagonism between the historic Church with its supernatural notes, and the free evangelism and the deepest experience of the human soul. My whole ministry (poor illustration, as it may be) has owed all its order to the full and unreserved belief and consciousness of what I thus state. The severest scrutiny to which I can subject myself—my past and my present—fails to discover to me any conflicting change in my opinions or my teaching. Perhaps it is my shame—but things have changed around me far more than they have within me. I have utterly abnegated such terms as "High" or "Low," where they meant to imply discrepancy between Christ in the Historic Church and Christ in the human soul. No theological fact is clearer to me than that we put these in contrast where there is none existent; and all seeming opposition between them is our impotent handling of the word of God. When they express anything real, they express harmonious truth from a one-sided view. If we appreciated each aright—and in proportion as we do so, we should find that they return each upon the other, to constitute saintship as a gift, and saintship as an achievement. "The individual believer in his own regenerate nature, will recognize in the Church his objective counterpart 'bone of his bone, and flesh of his flesh.'"

"On this reciprocal relation depends the health of

the Church, and if we conceive a time when these factors shall have thoroughly permeated one another, then will the Church have reached its highest earthly goal; it will have returned through the steps of its period of development back to the fullness of life revealed by the Apostolic Church as the model for all time."*

In a healthy branch of the Catholic body freedom must be one of its factors, and this applied alike to its own organic development, and the "changes and chances" of the human soul, in its personal spiritual vitality. But not abuses of freedom, as mere individual will of interpretation or ethical practice; not freedom referable only to an internal consciousness; not freedom to create its own ecclesiastical guarantees. But freedom which recognizes given authority and given truths, and exercises itself by obedience to authority which does not change; and love of the truth which is continually developing through inward appropriation. And in both conditions of the Holy Church, and the individual holiness of its members, we must appreciate not as a defect to be scoffed at or wept over, but as in reality the appointed dispensation—that the actual Church is one-sided, struggling to reform and adapt herself to every new exigency of her work, and is in painful progress as militant towards her triumphant ideal. Any one age, and all the ages so far, collectively, have heard only the whisper words of her ways, and been moving in the hiding of her power.

Under such circumstances, general and specific, such a council must seem to us, as interested actors, to have done too much or too little. It is difficult for us to

* The quotations are from "Martensen's Dogmatics." But more than that marked should be credited to the learned Bishop of Seeland, to whom I have purposely made myself indebted for expression, as being Danish and not Anglican.

measure the real force of conservative reticence; and of course, it is more striking, that in a relatively popular assembly it should have been attained. We all admit that it is by the Divine Spirit alone, working after the counsel of His will, that such blessing comes. It is impressive to a thoughtful mind to bring together the conflict of opinion and the final action. We may note the loose and passionate talk outside before the meeting; the political eagerness with which movements are projected to attain predetermined ends; the scope of debate; the agitation of successive days seemingly widening each breach, and inflaming conflicting opinion. These seethe and work; while by and by, all terminates in a brief resolution, or the forbearance from any action, or in some provisional plan which apparently leaves all unsettled. It is not so unsettled. That action is the thoughtful, prayerful, contribution of the human element in the Church's administration. It is the wisdom of men—reverently acknowledging its limit of capacity and power—and putting into the hand of the Great Disposer that which is "sufficient for the day."

The General Convention acted decidedly when the fact was before it. It acted indeterminately where the subject matter was undeveloped; the position of the Church tentative; and patience alone, could work the experience to inform and guide.

When liturgical revision was asked, it gave an emphatic declension. It could not then be entertained safely. It mattered not whether because the time was not propitious, or whether the necessity did not exist. The prudential, at least, was clear.

On the plea which would open our pulpits to non-Episcopal ministers, and stultify our claim of Apostolic

succession, the joint legislation barred doubt, and strengthened beyond misapprehension, existent law.

Canon 11, Title I, is amended to read as follows:

"No minister in charge of any congregation of this Church, or in case of vacancy or absence, no Church Warden, Vestrymen, or Trustees of the Congregation shall permit any one to officiate therein without sufficient evidence of his being duly licensed or ordained to minister in this Church. *Provided*, That nothing herein shall be so construed as to forbid communicants of the Church to act as Lay Readers."

As interlocutory, while thus repeating the amended law for the guidance of our Diocesan Church, I beg to refer to two correlative enactments, one of the General Convention, the other of our own Diocese.

The Canon quoted speaks of "sufficient evidence of being duly ordained to minister in this Church." By Canon 10, Title I, "*Ministers ordained in foreign countries, by Bishops in communion with this Church,*" before they shall be permitted to officiate in any parish or congregation, shall exhibit a certificate signed by the Bishop of the Diocese that their letters of Orders are authentic, and that they have given satisfactory evidence of pious and moral character and theological attainments.

Clergymen and Vestries heedlessly disregard this prescription of the only "sufficient evidence" in such a case—*a letter from the Bishop of the Diocese.* Men have been allowed to officiate who were unworthy—sometimes impostors, and even not in Orders at all. A minister degraded in a neighboring diocese some years since, has been invited to officiate several times by a Rector in this, because he presented himself under cover of residence in a British colony, and the Rector, for courtesy sake, made himself the summary judge of qualifications.

LAY READERS.

On the subject of Lay Readers, recognized exceptively in the last clause of the General Canon given above, as amended, our own Diocese legislates, and requires that a Lay Reader shall always be licensed by the Bishop—Canon XIX, D. of Ill.:

"None shall be considered as authorized to officiate as a Lay Reader in this Diocese, except in cases of particular emergency, without a written license from the Bishop"—and Lay Readers shall in all cases conform to the provisions of the XIth Canon of the General Convention, now Title I, Canon 3, Section II:

"No candidate for Holy Orders shall take upon himself to perform the service of the Church but by a license from the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, from the clerical members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which such candidate may wish to perform the service. And such candidate shall submit to all the regulations which the Bishop, or said clerical members, may prescribe. He shall not use the Absolution or Benediction; he shall not assume the dress appropriate to clergymen ministering in the congregation; he shall conform to the directions of the Bishop, or said clerical members, as to the sermons or homilies to be read; nor shall any Lay Reader deliver sermons of his own composition; nor, except in cases of very extraordinary emergency or very peculiar expediency, perform any part of the service when a clergyman is present in the congregation."

This valuable agency of lay helpers is coming into more formal use in the Church of England and our own. It may provide for a present necessity and contribute to the propagation and support of public worship, but everything will depend, under God, on the pious wisdom, discipline, and reverent obedience of those who may be so commissioned. Without strict responsibility and order, it will become a local source of disturbance. I must charge, then, the watchful interest of every congregation, or minister, where there is one, to see that they look out "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint

over this business;" and those to whom the trust is committed, must separate themselves to execute blamelessly their good work.

CANONS OF DISCIPLINE.

On the intrusion of one clergyman into the parochial bounds of another, which had been made the subject of popular agitation by the trial of an offender under the existent canon, the Convention, instead of removing the restrictions of parish boundaries, added a clause, ratifying the whole, in letter and construction, by the removal of a technical difficulty alleged against its enforcement.

A Canon was also passed amendatory of Canon 2, Title II: "*Of offenses for which ministers may be tried and punished.*" The substantive change is in assimilating it to the Canon for the Trial of Bishops, which makes the enumeration more distinct, and adding as a fifth section:

"*Every act which involves the breach of his ordination vows.*"

The legislative proceedings and debates, as published, present a significant conservative action, taken throughout in a cool, logical, and at the same time, tender spirit. It rebuked the radicalism of the day by quietly "minding its own business," in the conscious dignity of fellowship in the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic, notwithstanding the clamor of loose religionism, sectarian jealousies, the rationalism and unbelief of society, and the mistaken, but often generous, impulses of her own children.

RITUALISM.

On the movement named "RITUALISM"—deep, complex, unrevealed, with its insight and sacrifice, its

work and devotion—and, we must admit, to some extent—its frivolity and excesses, its factious spirit, and dogmatic imprudence, the Church had no positive legislation. She was not prepared to commit herself to any vague alarm, or sumptuary regulations. But she did not ignore the movement, nor shirk her real responsibility. She had voice of counsel for obvious errors, which might, after all, be superficial; but would not, with uncatholic hand, crush possible vitality, or set up an iron formalism.

Full vent was given to representative opinion; various sets of resolutions, elaborately prepared, were brought forward and discussed; referred to Special or Standing Committees; reports heard from minority as well as majority; and then it ended, as far as formal authority was involved, in the following resolutions of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies:

I. *Resolved*, That the House of Bishops be requested to set forth for consideration and adoption, by the next General Convention, such additional Rubrics in the Book of Common Prayer as in their judgment may be deemed necessary.

II. *Resolved*, That meanwhile in all matters doubtful, reference should be made to the Ordinary, and no changes should be made against the godly counsel and judgment of the Bishop.

III. *Resolved*, That copies of the reports of the majority and minority of the Committee on Canons be transmitted to the House of Bishops.

But the House of Bishops did not accept this limited but precise reference to rubrics as open to addition and alteration; but returned the following message:

Resolved, (*Unanimously*), That the House of Bishops affectionately informs the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, that in the full trust that the spirit of the second of the three resolutions, communicated by that House in its message number 78, will be carried out in the action of the clergy and laity of the several dioceses, and missionary jurisdictions of this Church, this House deems it unadvisable to enter

upon any alteration of the rubrics of our Book of Common Prayer by the insertion of additional matter; but that it will appoint a committee, whose duty it shall be to consider whether any additional provision for uniformity, by canon or otherwise, is practicable and expedient, and to report to the next General Convention.

Thus it ended for the session on the area of legislation; but on the freer one of paternal counsel the Bishops spoke in their Pastoral Letter. After protest against certain doctrinal views of the Holy Communion, and practices which might teach any or all of the errors there condemned, that document says: "We would, at the same time, deprecate most earnestly those extravagances in Ritualism recently introduced, which tend to assimilate our worship to that of a Church not only alien but hostile to our own. And we must also urge you to remember, that the reverent obedience to their Bishops and other chief ministers, promised by the clergy at their ordination, would, if faithfully rendered, prevent these evils."

And suppose, in the face of all this, the minister burns candles at the Holy Communion; or waves the censer; or bends the knee before the consecrated elements; or elevates the paten for adoration; or mutilates the Baptismal Service and upbraids its doctrine; or holds the prescribed services of the Liturgy subject to his own taste and self-will; or offends the order of the Church by "lawlessness?" (ανομια.) What course have the laity and clergy and fathers endorsed? What is the Bishop, "over" that man "in the Lord," to do? Give "his godly counsel and judgments" or withhold it? And what is the minister to do? Follow it as the voice of the Church, with "*reverent obedience*," or invoke public sympathy against the tyranny, and make the Bishop a "by-word among the people?" And what are the laity to do? Respect the discipline of

the Church, and uphold by the moral force of outspoken obedience, veneration for her offices, and loyalty to her Divine order? Or are they to become "railers"* (λοιδοροι) and lay the Church's "honor in the dust" before the mob? Ignatius answered, five years after the death of St. John, "GIVE YE HEED TO THE BISHOP, THAT GOD ALSO MAY GIVE HEED TO YOU." †

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

Most important in every sense is Canon 13, Title II, *Of marriage and divorce.* It does not, perhaps, add anything to what was before the settled principle of the Church, and the bounden duty of the ministry, and to a large extent, their scrupulous practice. But it affirms and defines it as law, so that there is so far no room left for mistake or evasion, and the clergyman would be clearly amenable to discipline who should disregard it. It is proclamation of the stand of the Church, and may warn those who entertain a looser casuistry, not to apply for the Church's sanction "to be joined together otherwise that as God's word doth allow;" and also induce more careful scrutiny before performing the ceremony, especially if either party should prove to have been married before.

"No minister of this Church shall solemnize matrimony in any case where there is a divorced wife or husband of either party still living; but this Canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent party in a divorce for the cause of adultery, or to parties once divorced seeking to be united again."

CONSECRATED CHURCHES.

On the consecration of Churches, after interesting discussion, a canon was passed—numbered Canon 21,

* λοιδορεω, John ix, 28; Acts xxiii, 4; 1 Cor. iv, 12. λοιδορος, 1 Cor. v, 11, vi, 10; and λοιδορια, 1 Tim. v, 14; 1 Pet. iii, 9, are very expressive words, and the subject of Apostolic admonition.

† Epis. to Polycarp, 263.

Title I of Digest, which must protect the sanctity and realty of our places of public worship, by preventing the abuse of the property, through improper incumbrance or alienation; and arrest the sacrilege, which may exist, of the taking down and removal of consecrated edifices to dispose of the land for "unhallowed, worldly and common use," merely for the luxury or convenience of pew owners, where God clearly indicates a righteous claim on His own.

Three things are by this law distinctly provided for:

1. A building cannot be consecrated until the Bishop is certified that building and ground are paid for, and are free from incumbrance.

2. Vestry or Trustees cannot encumber or alienate any consecrated Church or Chapel without the consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee.

3. A consecrated Church or Chapel cannot be taken down, or otherwise disposed of, for any "unhallowed, worldly or common use," without the same consent of the Bishop.

The provisions of this Canon will also control the removal of a congregation from one part of a city to another, sometimes relatively remote from the original site, which has been done with questionable propriety, without asking the consent of the Bishop or of the contiguous parishes, whose interests may be affected. It has been my own practice to have the "Instrument of Donation" a sealed document, put on public record, as a caution of lien as far as its provisions may have been binding in law or equity. It will be hereafter proper to see that in all cases, due warning is given of the Ecclesiastical easement which consecration involves.

Title I, Canon 21—*Of the Consecration of Churches:*

SECTION 1. No Church or Chapel shall be consecrated until the Bishop shall have been sufficiently certified that the building and ground on which it is erected have been fully paid for, and are free from lien and other incumbrance.

SEC. 2. It shall not be lawful for any Vestry, Trustees or other body authorized by law, of any State or Territory, to hold property for any Diocese, Parish, or congregation, to encumber or alienate any consecrated Church or Chapel, without the previous consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which such Church or Chapel be situated.

Provided, That this section shall not be operative in any State with the laws of which relating to the taking and holding of property by religious corporations the same may conflict.

SEC. 3. No consecrated Church or Chapel shall be removed, taken down, or otherwise disposed of for any "unhallowed, worldly or common use," without the previous consent of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee of the Diocese in which such Church and Chapel may be situated.

STANDARD BIBLE AND STANDARD PRAYER BOOK.

A portion of the business of both houses related to these standard editions; a subject, especially in relation to the Prayer Book, which has been treated with care and labor for more than the last twenty-five years. The Oxford quarto edition of the Bible, 1852, is stated to be a model of typographical accuracy. Inquiry had been made as to the practicability of a joint edition of the English and American Churches, but the Archbishop of Canterbury did not think such an arrangement could be effected. The publication in this country alone has been regarded as too expensive an undertaking, and the matter would have been abandoned but for intimation given of the generous intention of a wealthy lady to assume the expense, in consequence of which a joint committee of both Houses was appointed to proceed with the publication. I call attention to the fact that there is a standard Prayer Book, as well as a standard edition of the Bible, and to advise that such

only should be in use for the public services of our Churches. Certain errors and interpolations of society editions of the Holy Scriptures have been published by one of our Bishops, and they are numerous and significant enough to prevent the authoritative use for the public reading of our Churches. Those published by private enterprise are even less reliable for typographical accuracy. Every Church then should be scrupulous to provide for the public reading of the Divine Word, the standard edition, always including the Apocrypha.

It was said in a report of 1844 that the Prayer Book with its peculiarity of arrangement and difference of type, sprinkled over page after page, is confessedly about the hardest book to print which the English language contains. There are many parishes in the Diocese, I fear that I might say the majority, who fail in this respect of "standard books" in the proper furniture of the Sanctuary, and I recommend attention to the defect and the remedy of it in each parish not already supplied, by the provision, as an offering on the coming festival of the Nativity, of an Oxford Bible and the large 8vo. standard edition of the Book of Common Prayer, or the Altar Service as bound separately, if preferred, for the Lord's Table. In the same connection allow me to urge that there should be in every Church a suitable font, and that a fixed one. A movable font, as a basin, wants the reverent association of the other, and especially, when, as happens, it may be left carelessly about, perhaps on the floor of a robing room. There is a hint of weight in the same report to which I have alluded.

The rubric says: "And the minister coming to the Font, (which is then to be filled with pure water), and standing there shall say"—Does the parenthesis of the

third rubric imply that the Font is not to be filled till just previous to a baptism? The opinion of the Committee was that "then to be filled" meant merely that the Font must be at that time full, and not that the act of filling must then be performed. The clergy, however, may forget the word "filled." The word certainly means that the element is to be in abundance, and to be *poured* from the hand.

It may not be amiss to add here, that Romanists have objected to our baptisms, and (as is believed) reiterated them, because we sometimes use the element in repeating a child's name, and not while repeating the formula of inspiration. The words and the sign of a sacrament they say, should be coincident, or the sacrament is void. Without admitting such a conclusion, it may serve to remind us as ministrants, that we should not use the element except as we utter the appropriate words. *

CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS.

The deliberation and action of the Convention expressed anxiety for a closer attention to the learning of the ministry, and the more thorough training of our candidates. The report of the debates on the proposed Regulations which were carried in the House of clerical and lay Deputies, is full of earnest conviction that examinations for Holy Orders fall below an adequate standard, and that the solemn duty is carelessly performed.

The Canon sent to the House of Bishops contained the following provisions:

1. All examinations of candidates for Holy Orders shall consist in part of written questions and answers.

* Page 463, G. C. Journal, 1868.

2. Examinations of candidates for Priest's Orders shall, unless the Bishop in any case remit the rule, be extended through the parts of three days.

3. For the conduct of examinations, at which the Bishop of a Diocese is not personally present, it shall be his duty to appoint a permanent committee or committees for his diocese, or the different districts thereof; or if he so prefer, one presbyter, as an examining chaplain, who with other presbyters, appointed for such occasion by the Bishop's direction, shall conduct examinations.

The House of Bishops declined to concur in this proposed Canon, on the ground that it deemed the regulations therein contained, to be within the discretionary regulation of each diocesan Bishop, and did not approve of making them compulsory.

The suggestions made in the resolutions commend themselves to my judgment, and, as far as practicable, I mean to be guided by them in my own administration.

SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY.

The better support of the Clergy was pressed, with many painful and humiliating facts, in a memorial from New Jersey, and an earnest lay report, while the whole was followed up by an appeal in the Pastoral Letter. I must quote a part of the report in which Layman speaks to his brother Laymen:

"If we desire more earnest prayers, and to have a more independent Clergy, we must relieve them from the harrassing cares of insufficient support, and from the constant struggle for their daily bread, and give them such assurances of a comfortable and constant maintenance as to enable them to turn their undivided effort to the great work before them. If we are not

content to witness the decrease of the ministry, and dry up the sources of supply, we must arouse ourselves, and prepare for a comfortable and full support of the Clergy. It is not a charity, but a duty; it is a debt, not a mere benefaction. It is a debt which we owe to the ministers of the Church, to the country, and to God. It is obvious enough that the remedy lies with the laity, not with the clergy. This is an opportunity, while the laity are gathered together, to force facts home upon them, and remind them affectionately, but pointedly, of their culpable delinquency in this great and high duty; and to urge them, in the name of humanity and of the Master whom they profess to serve, that they set themselves steadily, earnestly, persistently to the fulfillment of their duty to those on whose faithful prayers rest their dearest and mightiest interests."

My own judgment and feelings concurred with all that was said, and I determined, God helping me, to plead for the large band of sufferers in my own jurisdiction. I made a public address on the claims and wants of the Clergy. I collected the statistics of the actual salaries of those under my charge. I took, as I supposed, all prudent means, by the aid of the Clergy, to gain, through a public meeting in Trinity Church, the ear and conviction of the laity in this city, but without effect; and the anxious burthen only fell back, with increased weight and humiliation, on my own consciousness.

It is the business of the laity, and a question of prudential finance of which they are the proper managers. They not only must be relied on to give what is required, but to scrutinize the claims presented for it. They must not only give themselves, but by competent agency see that the congregation of the starving

and bewildered Clergyman does its proportionate duty. It wants the manly practical strength of the laymen, to shame the meanness that withholds what it is in the power of the hand to do, and makes pitiful appeal for missionary assistance. There must be generous gifts to fulfill the purpose as a grand pledge of the Church in Illinois, that the salary of no minister shall be less than one thousand dollars, and a capital should be raised at once to secure that honorable stand. But it must be disbursed so as to provoke the energy of the parish itself, and make the men of means in it lift the burthen of honest duty in sympathy with the burthen assumed by others, of benevolent sacrifice for the love of Christ and His Church.

My inquiries, pursued carefully, gave the following statistics of salary:

Returns from sixty-one (61) Clergymen, total amount.....$75,569 00
Average of Salary..... 1,238 80

The whole number was divided into three classes:

1st. Class of two thousand dollars and upward...11
2d. " of one thousand and upwards to 1800..26
3d. " of eight hundred and under.....24

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FIRST CLASS DISCRIMINATED.

Salary of four thousand and parsonages..... 2
" three thousand five hundred..... 2
" three thousand..... 1
" twenty-five hundred..... 2
" two thousand..... 4

Averaging three thousand, excluding parsonage.

SECOND CLASS—ONE THOUSAND AND UPWARDS TO EIGHTEEN HUNDRED.

Salary of eighteen hundred..... 1
" fifteen hundred..... 6
" twelve hundred..... 7
" one thousand..... 12

Average..... $1,200 00

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THIRD CLASS.

Salary of eight hundred and under	24	
" eight hundred	6	
" six hundred and under	18	
Average		$565 00

and this imperfectly and irregularly paid.

To raise the salaries thus arranged in class third to one thousand dollars, would require, apparently, about $10,000. It is a large sum; but are there not a thousand laymen who could readily do this, and so disburse it, that probably one-half the amount named would secure the actual result, through a more hopeful effort in the parishes themselves?

This effective management of Pastoral Aid would free the Missionary work for its legitimate scope. The same minimum of support—one thousand dollars—should then be guaranteed, but graduated by combining districts. In these, and all unorganized places, the money raised should be sent immediately to the Board, making the missionary thus independent of the people, and enabling him to do his work, not as the paid servant of individuals, but as one panoplied with the power of the Church, and also bringing every station into direct contact with a recognized arm of the Church, and keeping it up to strict accountability.

And now I ask, in view of this terrible fact, that the salary of twenty-four of our working clergy, more than one-third (for all equivocal material was left out in the computation) amounts to an average of far less than $600—I ask whether it is to be suffered to remain unredressed? Are these words and facts, coldly put, perhaps, and yet enough, if appreciated, to burn into the conscience of our churches—are they to close their mission with my dying breath, or lie as a record for sentimental sigh on the printed page? Or will the

clergy, who hold places above the suspicion of complaint or want for themselves, rise and plead for their "brethren and companions' sake?" Will laymen take it up, and before God and their fellows vow and work that the amount shall be raised; and our Diocese stand up to the pledge and the honor that, if work and love can do it, henceforth no parish priest or missionary shall have less than one thousand dollars a year; that honorable laymen will see that promises represent truth, when the pastor trusts his all to the integrity of a vestry; and that the parish in its pecuniary engagements and moral pledges shall stand up at least to the mark of our average mercantile liability.

RESTLESS PASTORSHIP.

Perhaps, in this connection, I may refer to a subject which has pitiable significance—the unresting change of the clergy from parish to parish, and from one diocese to another. It belongs here in moral connection, because whatever contingent reasons may be assigned for this strange itinerary as far as it involves choice, there can be no doubt that it finds its main impulse in a necessity forced by the condition of the parishes in their state and administration.

We appreciate, in social satire at least, the state of a family ostentatiously living beyond its means, and the moral temptation to do wrong, if that show is kept up to hold outside reputation which it does not deserve. This is the condition of many of our parishes. They are living beyond their means, and trust the future in a large degree for what may "turn up." Each insists, however small, that it must have a resident pastor to itself, or else it cannot thrive. The resources for this privilege are not computed by the means or the sacri-

fices of the church itself, but, over a limited amount, by the popular capacity of the clergyman to "draw outsiders." And this, practically, a "hand to mouth" issue; so that if a pastor does not at once, as a "star actor," take popular favor, there will be a deficiency in the quarterly revenue, and then troubles begin. His troubles are plain enough. He has a moral trust over a weak, uninstructed, perhaps socially inharmonious body. He may have a legacy in gossip and reality of his predecessor's failings. He is cumbered with the inconveniences of preparing a home in some chance place which may be vacant, without the least anticipative reference to his convenience or his duties, and look forward to shift it on short notice. He is among strangers, with each one of whom he must at once form sympathetic relation. He is in the midst of ignorant prejudice, through which he must win a way. His wife must make her mark as well as himself. Years of patient labor, for the judicious removal of obstructions, growth in public confidence, training in the ways of the Church, winning hearts by the by-paths of domestic sorrows and joys, are necessary to give that man a fair pastoral chance, as God's commissioned minister, to be "highly esteemed for his work's sake." There may be, indeed, tender and aching hearts in that little flock that feel the inestimable privileges of Divine service and holy sacrament, and the Word read and preached—reverentially feel these as Christ's gift to them and their children. With them it is a living reality; a divine seed to be planted, watered mayhap with tears, tended with trembling hand, and watched with prayer, that it may take root and grow, they know not how. But the swaying condition is none of this God-ward trust and hope. The "temporal" tramps

the ground hard in worldly expediency, and nor seed, nor dew of grace to water it, can penetrate. If seed be there, it must be dug up every day, as in the child's garden, to see if it is growing.

Do we not see, at a glance, what comes, what must come, of this underlying worldliness, speculation, deception, impatience,—this beggary, not of this world's goods so much, as of faith, love, sacrifice, hope, soul-honesty? One year—two years possibly drag on. There have been personal kindnesses, real; courtesies, real; hard, anxious toil for the minister; assurances that he is a good man, unexceptionable in character, but hints that his preaching does not attract. The small salary is in arrears and the minister in debt for, perhaps, half the amount due to him; and the gaunt necessity of an escape, before it is too late, is worn into him day and night. He goes away to make place for another in this round of unrest; and takes a place, which has exhausted, in similar contradictions, the minister who vacates it. Round and round, over our broad land, is this procession of restless pastorship wearily dragging, becoming dust-soiled and worn, squandering time and means, deprived of home associations, forfeiting the education of their children, forced into the sensational, and time-serving; and insensibly shriveling the "young Melancthon" into humiliating dependence on capricious opinion, or the rasping consciousness of a position irremediably false. We must not seem indeed to charge all fault of this clerical inconsistency on the parishes. I am compelled to admit that, what with the real and factitious claims on the ministry in our western population, some who bear the commission are not qualified to sustain it effectively. The demand is irregularly high; the training has not been adaptive;

the habits have not been steadily studious and advancing; and the defective natural powers are not infused with the reality of a forceful heart. Ministers must fail, as men of the world fail, for a want of personal capacity and tact, as well as through untoward exterior incidents.

Enterprising change of place; the pressing into fresh occasions; the possession of the land, as civilization reclaims its grand area, and swift lines of travel stretch from sea to sea; all that is embraced in the physical and social state should claim, as a normal condition, quick and distant changes in ministerial life. I not only allow it as a normal necessity, but am prepared to welcome it as a benefit. But neither the law nor the necessity explains the phenomenon. There are evils in it to be rebuked, wrongs to be vindicated, and defects to be remedied.

I have tried to count and company this caravan of ministers with their families and goods, as it has wound along the last three years, going from one diocese to another, to take no note of the larger band of annual excursionists from one place to another in the same diocese. If my eye has counted right, in thirty-five dioceses, reporting two thousand two hundred and fifty-four clergymen, seven hundred and twelve have been received from one to the other; six hundred and thirty-three have interchangeably removed; twenty-eight have been deposed; one hundred and twelve have passed to the unseen world, and two hundred and twenty-six are without any cure, while upwards of three hundred have been ordained. We have no means of distinguishing exactly in this moving train, how many may reappear in the circle of three years. It tells that nearly one-third of our ministry change diocese in three

years, and one-tenth, besides, are without cure of souls. But where has this caravan at last stopped, to found a city to dwell in, or people waste places? Alas! no where. It wanders on—on. Eight dioceses have lost in the number of Clergy; into which moved with Dimissory Letters one hundred and thirty-five, and sixty-eight were ordained. Three dioceses are where they were, but received seventy-three of the wandering, and ordained forty-five. California and Tennessee have gained respectively fifteen and thirteen. New York has received one hundred and twenty, ordained fifty-five, but by dimission, death and deposition, sent one hundred and twenty odd away. Illinois has made the largest uniform gain besides, namely, *ten;* and for this residuum, fifty-six Letters Dimissory have been given or accepted by me.

There is something very sad in this ideal vision of this "mixed multitude" of at least twelve hundred clergymen, more than half the whole number reported, voluntarily or coercively migrating from one parish to another in three years—it bewilders to compute the feeling, time, money, and above all, moral power, gone to waste in that hurried march.

PASTORAL OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS.

The Pastoral Letter was constructed with singular felicity in its comprehension of topics, and the terse but suggestive exposition of them. It met with universal approval, and by its official readings from our pulpits over the whole land, and the private reading of it in our families, has contributed to shape and animate the harmonious work of the Church. Its passages, however, were in reality only texts. Each required to be carefully expanded and enforced by the parochial

clergy. To instructed minds and prepared hearts, its short paragraphs rung with familiar truth, and cheered the depression of the faithful few bearing the burthen of work which the majority passed by unsympathetic, or with suspicion. It marked an era of witness, where the Fathers, with one voice and heart, gave facts to the Church; but it challenged a responsive witness from pastors to their flocks—explanation, appeal, and warning, co-operative work, and suggestive benefaction. Hence I ventured in a short pastoral letter thus to commend this view to the clergy:

"The Pastoral, Beloved, utters deep-toned truths, guiding and elevating for you and yours. Receive it in love; proclaim it in strength; and let the voice of the Church's Fatherhood fall on a listening ear and heart of reverence."

But I ventured further than this obvious claim. "The Pastoral is an index of themes rather than the exposition of them. It hints what it could not expand. It comes to each of you with texts for you to seize, develop and enforce. It affords to the Church in the Diocese, and everywhere in our land, the occasion of a grand uniformity of thought and instruction on successive Lord's days. Can we not spontaneously fulfill this; see 'eye to eye' and speak with one voice?" In the Cathedral, on the evenings of successive Sundays, I gave fourteen lectures on the suggested themes; and the experience from my own thought and study, with the popular effect of them, has made me regret the more that my suggestion failed to secure the relative action of my clergy. May I utter and record these noble subjects in hope that now, by concert among yourselves, the course shall yet be adopted and carried out. Our people are hungering for instruction

on such things; and a large share of the restlessness of opinion and the popular cavil is from the withholding that which is thus due. We are gathering a "mixed multitude" brought up under different associations—or most probably under none of any training sway, over-religious habit and sentiment. Many are driven to the Church as a refuge from what has proved distasteful elsewhere—a vague eclecticism; others from indefinite preference or the mere accidents of social life.

The Church is emphatically with the running promise—"to you and to your children"—an hereditary faith—baptism into the Creed—a bringing up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It is the system by which "we grow up into Him in all things which is the Head, even Christ"; and in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, attain our spiritual manhood—the measure of the stature of His Church, "the fullnes of Christ." * Instruction, education, pre-occupying the mind, forming the habits, teaching the formularies, imbuing with reverence and devout association, giving elementary dogmatic formula by the Catechism, disciplining "to speak the truth in love," all this in manifold form is the essential commission of the instructing Church for those born and trained within her pale. Bitter are the evils of the partial neglect of these things in our congregations and the family. But these duties or neglects are not my present theme. I advert to their inherent scope, and to the place of their beginning, thus down in the infant mind, "to grow with the growth and strengthen with the strength," in order to present with the "much more" the need of meeting with some systematic and adaptive instruction the untrained adult mind that is finding place in our

* πλερωμα του χριστου.

Churches. My limited efforts in that direction have satisfied me of the existent appetite for such instruction, as well as of the need of it. I hear on all sides complaints for the withholding of more positive teaching on the history and claims of the Church. The annunciation of such subjects secures invariably an outside interest. They should not be treated controversially; but with plainness and reality, as facts, and truths and principles. Whence can they be assumed so naturally, as from the selected enumeration of them by the Bishops? How can the discussion of them be so happily relieved from the imputation of any local suggestion; where can clergy stand with more dignity and corporate protection than on the weighed and collegiate utterance of the Fathers in God?

This is the index of these subjects as I have used and commend it, but of course open to correlative enlargement.

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I still think, as I then said, that the pulpit treatment of these "will promote your own thoughts and study on subjects emphatically 'for the times.' It will afford a natural occasion to bring the theme before your people with peculiar significance. It will diffuse a harmony of Churchly intelligence and feeling, and, through the Holy Ghost, may stir up the wills of God's faithful people to bring forth more plenteously the fruits of good works."

Accept the suggested order, brethren of the ministry, as your better judgment may determine. But in some way and order accept "the duty of teaching your people," as the Bishops express it, "the true law of a Scriptural and Catholic unity, the adorable and living centre of which is none other than Jesus Christ our Lord; the inspiring source of which is, His true Vicar, the Holy Ghost; and the visible expression of which is the 'Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayers.'"

THE PROTEST.

Six clergymen of the Diocese have issued a formal "PROTEST" against a sentence in my Address to the last Diocesan Convention. So far as I am concerned, this questionable invocation of popular censure might have been avoided by an inquiry preliminary, whether the meaning intended by the writer agreed with the interpretation put upon the passage by the inquisitors. The numerical strength of the impeachment may be reduced, as one of the signers, who has since abandoned the ministry, stated that he had neither heard or read the "Address," and another that he had signed the Protest without reading it; while a third, I have understood, in consciousness of the indecorum, has intimated

that "names" were not mentioned in the copy to which he gave his assent.

These Presbyters "solemnly remember" their ordination vow, as they quote it, "to banish and drive away from the Church, all erroneous and strange doctrines, and to use both public and private *monitions* as need shall require and occasion be given." I am obliged to say that the *monitions* were forgotten altogether. The only knowledge I ever had of the complaint and rather summary discipline, has been derived from accidental copies of the "Protest" falling into my hands.

Notwithstanding the liberal construction of the ordination vow contrived by the authors of the "Protest," I have no actual claim on the monitions, and they have still less claim on the paragraph to justify their anomalous position. For, after the semicolon which divides the question, it reads: "and to use both public and private monitions and exhortations, as well to the sick as to the whole *within your cure.*"

Many of you, dear brethren, will recall some other ordination vows of the Priesthood "to maintain and set forwards as much as lieth in you, quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that are, or shall be committed to your charge."

Or that other, "Will you then give your faithful diligence always so to minister the Doctrine and Sacraments, and discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and this Church hath received the same, according to the commandments of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your Cure and Charge with all diligence to keep and observe the same?"

And still more, "Will you reverently obey your Bishop and other chief Ministers who, according to the Canons of the Church, may have the charge and government over you; following with a glad mind and will their godly admonitions, and submitting yourselves to their godly judgments?"

You may believe, however, that I should not have adverted to the matter in any personal significance. It is part of an effort to disturb seriously the Church, not only in this Diocese, but in others of the Northwest. It seeks to do this on the one hand by crude appeals to popular prejudice; and on the other by a proposal of voluntary work; the one ignoring so far the Church in her standards and doctrine, the other in her corporate organization; and both alike chargeable with loose casuistry of ministerial promises and lay obligation. To characterize this and such like sinister movements, I take the liberty of adopting the language of my wise and gentle Brother, the Assistant Bishop of Wisconsin, who may be deemed a more impartial observer:

"The Church is the home of law and order, and respect to authority. It has its officers and its laws which they must execute, and to which they themselves are amenable. It has its dioceses, every one under its own constituted authorities.

"The utter lawlessness of certain proposals, as to mission work in our Diocese, among others, by entirely irresponsible parties, by setting aside its Bishops, its Board of Missions, and all its authorities, was so palpable that it deceived very few among us. But the officious intermeddling, the circulation of extreme partisan papers, the attempt to draw the laity from the clergy for separate action, to sow fears and suspicions

among brethren, deserve the severest reprobation of us all.

"We are a united Diocese, doing the Lord's work in the old spirit of the Church. Let the few whose fears and suspicions have been stirred be on their guard against their own prejudices, and against the representations of the prejudiced and the lawless. One crying need of our people is reverence for law; one duty of the Church in the midst of them is to insist upon it, and to practice it. Lawlessness is the cause of all our present troubles. It is worse than Ritualism —worse than the opposite extreme. Our safety, brethren, our duty lies in this, to rally about our constituted standards and authority—to let no man despise them, or trample on them, or put them in contempt." *

We are warranted in feeling assured that to this extent the Church understands her position. The artifices and cant of a disloyal benevolence have failed to bewilder or to seduce her seriously. More and more it is esteemed frivolous and false to set up a self-willed conscience against the deliberate covenant with the Church. The labored attempt to overawe, by a threatened secession, ended in less than a "respectable failure." The partisan leaves which have whirled through the Diocese have fallen, mainly, to wither and rot. The agents of disorder, however subtle, have been received coldly and suspiciously. By God's goodness, the whole movement has brought out an expression of substantial agreement to discountenance revolutionary change, and abide by the constituted legislation.

The isolated passage from my Address selected for

* Address, 1869, Bp. Armitage.

this "Protest," which is made under ordination vow, garbled and perverted in its citation, is quoted as follows, italicized, and interpolated, and incomplete:

"*In the regeneration by Holy Baptism*, the spiritual and *ineffable* presence of our Lord in the Eucharist, with the mystical nutriment through His Body and Blood, there is a VIRTUAL CONCURRENCE in the accepted standards of the historical Church — Eastern and Western" (or Roman) "and Anglican."

The real passage is printed in the Address simply and without any emphasis, and adds, where the protesting citation stops, the words, not immaterial certainly, in the intent of the whole, "including largely the Continental Bodies in the same category."

It would not be becoming in me to affirm that the argument and language in this portion must be really without ambiguity to others, because it may be plain and coherent to my own mind. But, rather, should I assume, that it may not be as guarded against possible misconception as it might have been. We easily feel this liability when a thing has been actually misunderstood. To me it appears to state what I meant to state, and what I considered to be well-known liturgical and symbolic facts. My argument required only the enumeration of objective facts, without reference at all to the variant opinions or discrepant forms in which the common fact might be articulated, or the primal truth be deformed.

It was intended to affirm that up to certain points therein expressed and limited, there was a Catholic consent and agreeing antiquity.

I should be ashamed to collect here the accessible proofs of this in all the principal Liturgies throughout the Church, the symbolic books of the Reformation, the *catenæ* from the writings of the Fathers, and the whole stream of Anglican theology. I consider that

there is substantial agreement when the word SACRAMENT is defined, and that the definition is equivalent to that of our Catechism, or reducible to its idea—"an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace given unto us." The Catechism of Trent says: "Nothing defines a Sacrament more clearly than the expression given by St. Augustine, which all the scholastic doctors follow. 'A Sacrament is a visible sign of an invisible grace, instituted for our justification.'"* Hence it followed that Sacraments were not merely ceremonies by which a man professes himself a member of the Church, but had an influence and power as supernatural means and channels of divine grace. †

I understand that all these standards, Liturgical or otherwise, no matter how many questions may be raised as to the extent of the Baptismal gift or change, or how it is produced,—they all agree in the fact that there is "*regeneration by Holy Baptism*," and that they use the very word and its cognates; and make almost universal reference to the third chapter of the Gospel of St. John.

The Calvinistic formularies are peculiarly explicit on the "new life commencing with Baptism."

Luther's form contains "*et gratiam tuam aeternam per spiritualem regenerationem flagitanti.*"

Brandenburg and Nuremberg Liturgy of 1533, directs—"Dip the child, etc., and then say, Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath regenerated thee by water and the Holy Ghost, etc."

Bucer, whose service our own so closely resembles, says, "*qui regeneristi hunc infantem.*" In the order of Confirmation the prayer is longer than ours, and stronger, though with current resemblance—"We

* Cat. Trid: 112. † Address, 1868, p. 19.

beseech thee for these children, *quos ecclesiae tuae donasti, atque tibi sacra Baptismati regeneristi.*"

The *Belgic Confession* declares: "The Sacraments are signs and visible symbols of things internal and invisible, by which as by means, God Himself works in us by the power of the Holy Spirit."

"For as water poured out upon us and appearing visibly on the body of the baptized person, moistening it, washes away defilement, even so the Blood of Christ washing the soul cleanses it from sin, and regenerates us who are the children of wrath, and makes us the sons of God."

The *Heidelberg Catechism* affords another instance:

Question. Where has Christ promised that He will as certainly purify us by His Blood and Spirit as we are purified by the water of Baptism?

Answer. When He instituted Baptism. This promise is repeated where Scripture calls Baptism "the laver of regeneration" and "the washing away of sins."

Ques. Why then does the Holy Spirit call Baptism thus: the Laver?

Ans. God does not thus speak without solemn cause, not only that He may teach us that our sins are expiated by the Blood and Spirit of Grace, but much more, that He might make it certain to us, by this divine symbol and pledge, that we are not less truly cleansed by internal washing from our sins than that we have been washed by external and visible water.

The *Augsburg Confession*, drawn up by Melancthon, by direction of the princes, and under the supervision of Luther:

"Baptism once received remains through the whole life, and remains a continual seal of our adoption. God, who is rich in mercy, purges us freely from our

sins through the Blood of His Son, and by this adopts us as His children, connects us in Holy Covenant with Himself, and enriches us with divers gifts, that we may be able to lead a new life. All these things are sealed to us in Baptism. We are inwardly regenerated, purified, and renewed by God through the Holy Spirit."

Hermann's *Baptismal Liturgy*, translated into English and published in aid of the Anglican Reformation in 1548, assures us:

"Baptisme is a Sacramente of Regeneracion, whereby we be planted and are incorporated into Christ the Lord, and be buried into Hys death, and put in the same, and be made throwe Hym the sonnes and heyres of God."

The *Catechism of* 1548, commonly known as "Cranmer's Catechism," taught the same:

"The second birth is by the Water of Baptism, which Paul called the Bath of Regeneration, because our sins be forgiven us in Baptism, and the Holy Ghost is poured into us as into God's beloved children, so that by the power and working of the Holy Ghost we be born again spiritually and made new creatures."

Bishop Bethel, in his Treatise on the subject, (ch. viii., p. 111) gives a summary judgment on the universality of the doctrine:

"For it," Baptismal Regeneration, "is in complete accordance with the opinions of Catholic Christianity from the days of the Apostles to the time of the Reformation. It came before them, not as a doubtful and disputed point, but as a fundamental and established truth; not asserted or defended by a few doctors and apologists as their own private opinion, but recorded and alluded to as a doctrine received without contradiction in the Church of Christ by the whole body of Fathers, Councils and Ecclesiastical Historians."

Up to the point of fact that there is a Presence of our Lord's Body and Blood in the Eucharist I stated that there was a virtual concurrence of these standards.

Bishop Cosin says: "So then none of the Protestant Churches doubt of the *real*, that is the true and not imaginary, presence of Christ's Body and Blood in the Sacrament; and there appears no reason why any man should suspect their common confession of either fraud or error, as though in this particular they had the least departed from the Catholic faith."

But the term "Real Presence," had I employed it, might have been open to confusion popularly with transubstantiation. I, therefore—though the very words *Real Presence* may be found in most of the standards referred to—described that presence in terms very general, because from the object I had in view, it was only necessary to mention a certain number of facts which existed throughout the branches of the visible Church of Christ, and from which the great religious bodies around us had departed, with whom a restored unity was desirable.

1. Orders—Because the large majority of the Christian world had the Order of Bishops, and claimed for them regular succession.

2. The Creeds—Apostles and Nicene—used as public Confession.

3. Two Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

4. That a *Sacrament* was a divine mystery and outward sign of inward grace given.

5. That they all attributed "Regeneration" to Holy Baptism.

6. That they held the presence in the Holy Eucharist of the Body and Blood of our Lord.

These Christian bodies alluded to, had not Bishops nor the Creeds; did not understand a Sacrament as a Divine mystery, but as a mere ceremony by which profession is made of Church membership. Did not declare "regeneration by Holy Baptism;" regarded the Lord's Supper only as commemorative, and its benefits derived through a faith exercised reflectively upon the person of Christ in Heaven.

My hope of advancing unity was cast, not upon fusion, at present utterly impossible; nor upon discussions which seemed to have collective or individual change of membership as the main object. The differences, important as they were, need not be estimated by comparing existing relations and conflicting interests. Each denomination could continue to act independently, as it was acting, in increasing strength; and assert, as would inevitably be the case, even more defiantly, its popular independence. But inasmuch as wonderful change in a churchly direction had occurred already, as a mere material thing, the growth of wealth and the spirit of the world, so might it be that the accidental and purposeless advance would shape itself in organization and symbol after a chosen model of the first three centuries. A deep-toned purpose of unity might induce a fragmentary minority to embody in their own voluntary system those facts of order, discipline, confession and truth which history affirmed always to have signalized Catholic Christendom under all diversities; and which, even in its present dismembered seeming, were sustained by universal witness. By thus partially recognizing a common standard exterior to each and all of us in our post-reformation or modern state, we might ecclesiastically approximate by moral application of the mathematical axiom: "Things that are equal to the same, are

equal to one another." Each Protestant body working out its own destiny, but doing so in some reality of reference to a normal historic standard "truthing in love," might introduce Catholic facts and spirit—adopt them even as the safe and expedient, if not as the certain and imperative, and thus assimilate more and more. By and by we should thus dwarf to unreality our remaining discrepancies; or better still, be able to allow them as a more vigorous development of the church of this age and country.

For some time I was at a loss to tell where the false doctrine and dangerous error of the passage could possibly be supposed to lie. It did not affirm or sustain directly any doctrine, nor could it in the nature of the case involve any substantial error beyond historic inaccuracy. It would certainly be impossible that a Bishop of our Communion could be publicly stigmatized for saying that "regeneration by Holy Baptism" and "the spiritual presence of our Lord in the Eucharist, with the mystical nutriment through His Body and Blood," were admissible formulæ within the Anglican Communion.

But some months after, I found the formal statement made that the passage declares, *that in regard to the much-controverted questions* of Baptismal Regeneration, and of the Lord's presence in the Eucharist, as also in regard to Orders, Creeds and Sacraments, there is virtual concurrence and substantial agreement between the Anglican, or Protestant-Episcopal, and the corrupt Russo-Greek and Roman Communions.

There is not intended to be one word or one thought in the passage in regard to an agreement or disagreement on these as "controverted *questions*," but only, to a limited extent, as simple dogmatic facts. It has no

connection with them as *questions* involving quality, manifest or occult. * It states only, that as far as the writer knows, every historic Church in Christendom puts into its ritual, regeneration connected with Holy Baptism, and the Spiritual Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. I therefore beg to declare that I do not mean in that simple statement to affirm, nor do I allow, that there is a concurrence actual or "virtual" in doctrinal expresssion or opinions on these subjects between the Anglican Communion and the Churches named. On the contrary, there are existent, theological discrepancies of the most serious kind; some of which, in my imperfect judgment, it is treachery to the truth as taught in the Catacombs, or vindicated at Oxford and Smithfield, to attempt to reconcile. No part of my theology or teaching has ever inclined me to such insidious adjustment between mediæval corruptions and Catholic truth or discipline. But I do believe that there is thoughout Catholic Christendom,

* No. 76, Tracts for the Times, contains a large *catena* of writers in the later English Church, to the Doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration, and notes some of the differences of speculative opinion.

"There is a variety of questions connected with the subject on which the writers, under review, differ more or less from each other, but not so as, in the slightest degree, to interfere with their clear and deliberate maintenance of the doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration.

"Such, for instance, as the following: Whether grace be given in or through the water, or only contemporaneously with it. Again, whether Baptism, strictly speaking, *conveys* the blessings annexed to it, or simply *admits* into a state gifted with those blessings as being the initiatory rite of the covenant of mercy. Or, again, whether or not Baptism, besides washing away past sin, admits into a state in which, for sins henceforth committed, Repentance stands in place of a Sacrament so as to insure forgiveness without specific ordinance; or whether the full and explicit absolution of sin after Baptism is altogether put off until the day of judgment. Or, again, there may be differences of opinion as to the state of infants dying unbaptized. Or, again, whether regeneration is an instantaneous work, completed in Baptism, or admits of degrees and growth. Or, again, whether or not the Holy Spirit can utterly desert a soul once inhabited by Him, except to quit it for ever. Or whether the change in the soul made by Baptism is indelible for good or for evil; or may be undone as if it had never

past and now, a "virtual," though not actual "concurrence" on these facts, viz.: That all branches of the Church have the Order of Bishops; all confess in the two Creeds; all have the two Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which, as Sacraments, they regard as supernatural means and channels of Divine Grace, which they substantially define as "outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace given unto us;" that the gift in Baptism is Regeneration so expressed, as far as I know or believe, in every formulary or Symbolic Book or Catechism of the Catholic Church. And that in the Holy Eucharist there is the Presence of Christ's Body and Blood, real and not in a figure, the mystical nutriment so wonderfully expressed in its depth and simplicity, ("ineffable" as it is) in our own Communion Office, where we enter upon the same Catholic inheritance—which may the Blessed Lord give us all grace to magnify and perpetuate. "In simplest words, we learn and confess our inmost union with

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been. Or how far the enjoyment of the grace attached to it is suspended on the condition of our doing our part in the covenant. All these are questions far from unimportant, but which do not at present come into consideration; the one point maintained in the following extracts, being, that infants are by and at Baptism unconditionally translated from a state of wrath into a state of grace and acceptance for Christ's sake."

A writer of our own Church, in a recent pamphlet, enumerates seven distinct opinions on the meaning and scope of "Regeneration" as employed in our own Baptismal Office.

"As to the *manner* of the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we, that are Protestant and reformed according to the ancient Catholic Church, do not search into the manner of it with perplexing inquiries; but after the example of the Primitive and purest Church of Christ, we leave it to the power and wisdom of our Lord, yielding a full and unfeigned assent to His words. Had the Romish maintainers of Transubstantiation done the same they would not have determined and decreed, and then have imposed as an article of faith absolutely necessary to salvation, a manner of presence newly by them invented, under pain of the most direful curse, and there would have been in the Church less wrangling and more peace and unity than now is."—*Cosin, Bishop of Durham, published, Tracts for the Times, I,* 191.

CHRIST, the mutual indwelling, the spiritual but real oneness, the cleansing of our sinful bodies by His Body, the washing of our souls by His Precious Blood, there eaten and drunken; that not in a figure, but in deed and in truth, we take and receive the Body and Blood of Christ; that the Body of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, which was given for us, and His Blood, which was shed for us, preserve our body and soul unto everlasting life, the pledges of our resurrection and eternal oneness with God." *

So far, then, as the expression of my thought may be properly faulted as inaccurate or obscure, I respectfully acquiesce. I am open to correction by testimony from the standards of the Older Historic Churches or the Churches of the Reformation which will go to disprove or modify the facts thus summed up; and show that I am wrong in saying that those standards—with all the discrepancies of theological opinions—with Calvinism on the one hand and Romanism on the other—still virtually concur in this, viz.: "That they assert Regeneration by Holy Baptism, the spiritual and ineffable presence of our Lord in the Eucharist, with the mystical nutriment through His Body and Blood." As far as this goes in dogmatic history, must I still adhere to my expression, although I may regret if it is open to reasonable misconception, but much more, that it has been perverted to such unjustifiable disorder.

I have thus far spoken, mainly as a CHARGE, on matters which the state of the General and Diocesan Church presented as important. God has committed to me the cure and government of this Diocese, and in the weighty trust there will be periods demanding, above others, firm expression of facts and opinions. It has

* Dr. Pusey's Essay.

certainly been a year of professional anxiety and exposure; and none who love the Church can have failed to share these trials and griefs. Christ and His ministry constitute one mystical personality; and the identity runs through every true relation. As He is, so are we in this world. The servant is not greater than his Lord; and separation, even to cruelty and hate, may be a natural issue, as we carry about in our body the mortification of Christ.

The visible Church, the Body of Christ, instinct with life, guidance, and sympathy from its invisible Head, is now "witnessing in sackcloth." The Body is fulfilling, through its organism, the suffering state imparted by Him who lived the "man of sorrows." The enmity of the world is perpetual, according to that significant saying, "The world hated me before it hated you." The world around the Church, the world within the Church, and the world in each heart of struggle and grace. The Church is alive, and the world is alive. Each grapples the other, or permeates the other, as the case may be.

Ours is not martyrdom of the arena, nor the loneliness of the prison, nor the disciplinary solitude of the cave or the mountain. We have our peculiar trials, and fill up our measure of "the sufferings of Christ." But it is on the open area of society in advanced civilization; and, from that very advance, in a condition more empirical, and with more manifold antagonisms. It is an age of thrift, refinement and freedom, which quickens the individual to intense development, and drives the mass with impassioned tread. The Church has caught the energy of revival, and moves more visibly aggressive as a recognized power. But the Church can be no more in friendship with the world

among these common interests, and this subtle blending, than in the marshaled hostility of enlightened heathenism.

Can we wonder that we of the Anglican Communion have peculiar trials, and disappointments, and hardness? Can we be surprised that there should be conflict between the conservative of our inherited trusts, and the expediency from springing events? Ought we to be downcast if "all these things are against us"—covert infidelity and extreme individualism, selfish struggle and success, an earnest religionism and bold indifference, as well as apathy, selfishness, luxury, and sensuality, in the life of Christ's disciples? We are living where material progress scorns the past; where Mammon builds Babel Towers, and Science utters oracles from rocks and graves to confuse the old paths and dishonor old trusts; where the supernatural is superstition to the sagacious materialist; where the past is worn out and exhausted; where power is the gift of the multitude, and order is its will; where religion must represent the impulse of popular sentiment, instead of swaying it; where offering our sons and our daughters to Moloch is a willing sacrifice, and the discipline of a spiritual mortification an eccentric conceit; where the Gospel is an authority only so far as it may be expediently adaptive to the times in which we live; and personal religion is a sentiment which may be divulged in no obedience, witnessed by no confession, articulate in no worship, sealed by no sacraments—constituting itself the sole judge of truth, and its inner sense the arbiter of duty. Civil contract supersedes the idea of Divine institution in government, marriage, family reverence, and moral obligations. Associations multiply, into which men are drawn by greed or need, who

are homeless and exposed because "aliens to the commonwealth of Israel." These are prolific of antagonisms of passion and selfishness, and fling off at last into a drearier void. The fractional communism of aggressive self-interest tends substantially, like the system it epitomizes, to make "religion pantheism, morality epicurean, and politics despotism."*

The many test all that is religious by an eclectic sensibility not to be closely challenged; they tolerate everything while it is quiet, and assumes no authority; and are content with Christianity so long as it lets the individual alone, and manipulates Society with tact and smoothness by the same sensual mechanism which the world employs.

In the midst of such things, a thousand-fold more tangled and contradictory, we must stand and witness for historic realities, supernatural endowments, and the unchanging organism of the Visible Church of eighteen centuries ago; we must confess in the same Creeds; teach from the same Word; interpret from the long tradition; claim the same mystical agencies; perpetuate the same sacramental powers;—truths which can never change, and means that can never grow old.

A glorious calling! where we can afford to submit for a time to taunt from without of slowness and reserve. Our breasts may pant for more aggression on the evils of society; and for a deeper ministry among its multiplied sufferings. May the holy jealousy burn like fire within us! We may impatiently demand wider field, more flexible harness, and issues more popular. But we can bear even this seclusion if it has been ordered as the "still small voice" of conservative witness, to hush confusion; to make the God of Order

* Dict. des Sciences, Phil.: Krauth.

known, and the reality of a perpetual covenant acknowledged; and unfurl a standard round which may rally a disordered Church, when the storm, the earthquake, and the fire of socialism rock and flash.

Still in whatever we may do or say, or withhold, in humble fervency of love and zeal, with soul intent on the welfare of Christ's mystical Body, must there ever be share in the "afflictions of Christ," and in the "fear and trembling" of an anxious life.

But such tears irrigate with vital energy; such pains have productive moral force; such grief is the "MOTHER OF JOY;" * and Bernard says, "As the cells of the honey-comb wall in the honey, and the shell preserves the kernel, so that joy, collected and multiplied by the Grace of our Lord, is prepared and preserved for the joys of Paradise."

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*Chrysostom: Donne, Serm. on Col. I, 24.

EXHIBIT I.

CATHEDRAL.

The record of the Cathedral has been one of comfort and blessing. I know not how a Bishop can consent to forego his privilege of home ministration, or be without his central point of preaching, sacrament, and pastoral life, with the hidden sympathies in his past presbyterate, and its ready powers for existent work. Very imperfect is the actual complement of my Cathedral means and results, because relatively narrow is the circle of help beyond its precincts. I do not mean that its form, efforts, sacrifice and improvement are without appreciation; much less that there is hostility. But the Cathedral is not yet felt as needful part of the Church's order and life. Parishes do not claim, as they might, their vested interests in its honor and prosperity; nor develop the affectionate ideal of the Cathedral as head and heart. We want much more of sympathy and pecuniary help to bring out this inner life, and its radiating influence for example and mission. For this, however, we must in patience wait. Almost insensibly, through our dioceses, we shall grow into the practical recognition of Cathedral headship, and adapt the conduct of it to our peculiar polity.

There is at present friction in the practical working of our Church at large, owing to parochial exaggeration. The tendency has been so far to develop energetic congregationalism. The Parish—in itself needful and effective, the inevitable outgrowth of our social habits—has become gradually to a degree excessive, selfish and contentious. The beadroll of wants, luxuries, and

competitive progress is told too exclusively within its own walls and corporate life. Hence it happens that while our Church is united in organism, it is defective in concentration for homogeneous work and broad need. Our division into dioceses and parishes acts as disjunctive rather than co-operative; and charity at home lords it over charity "that seeketh not her own."

While this is really affecting many and larger wants, and causes languor and even paralysis in our membership, I ought not to be discouraged if a "Bishop's Church" redeems its primitive franchise slowly, or wins with hardness a Catholic recognition, and pines for the time "when her children will rise up and call her blessed."

Far beyond Cathedral precincts, we crave what Origen calls "the sacrament of preparation"—that mission of the Holy Elijah to go before the Blessed One, to bring back alienated and false hearts to the family unity of sacrifice and love; "to turn the hearts of the children to the Fathers, and the hearts of the Fathers of the children." Through more thoughtful knowledge of the ancient saints, and the ancestral "household of faith," the Holy Ghost will make more dutiful children to the unseen Father and the family of the First Born; more dutiful children in the living family of the Church on the Earth; more dutiful children in the Fatherhood of an infirm ministry, which God is pleased to "make princes in all lands," and yet "perfect their strength only through weakness."

I am myself surprised how, "little by little," our Cathedral work rolls up in the course of a year. The work to do seems so large, and the means available so small, that the impression all the while is that we fail. So we do. But the annual aggregate in review or sum

is at last cheerful. God's house improves in material beauty; numbers are added to the Confessing Church; services flow on in daily stream; crowds come and go who "hear the Word," and partake in the "beauty of holiness;" scores of "little ones" are round the font, and on weekly Sacrament the faithful feed on the heavenly banquet; hundreds of children learn the way of salvation, and their voices train in choral praise; successive marriage groups give holy troth at the Altar; and solemn funerals stop for burial offices on the way to the graveyard, and meet Christian brothers to stand reverently around the one whose work is done, and surpliced choristers to chant inspired requiem. The sick, the afflicted, the stranger, and the needy, find God's servants to wait upon them; and boys and girls are trusted for Christian education to those same, who know "they must give account." Yes! even what we see and note with the eye and ear, in the backward glance of the twelvemonth, is manifold for grateful comfort, and awful in responsibility. What of the unseen in the depth of those thousands of souls—the quiet help or warning given to each one for the daily life —the widening circles from one sanctuary impulse!

During the past season, the Chapel and Choir-room have been finished; and the Chapel, connected through a rich screen which crosses the East Transept, can be thrown into the available Church-room, and accommodate two hundred worshipers with convenience nearly equal to the Nave. This screen, with panels which slide down into the wainscot, can be opened or closed at pleasure. For our Daily Prayers in the cold weather, the Chapel is used. It also supplies a present place for the Cathedral School, which has been established under the special management of Canon MAGILL,

whom I have gained from the Diocese of Toronto. We have also a Female School, for which a house is appropriated in the neighborhood. These both promise to be institutions of sound learning and Church training; and provision is made in the family of Mr. MAGILL, and of the Lady Principal to receive boarders. We have also opened a gratuitous Night School in the same place, and an Industrial School on Saturdays. The screen, to which I have alluded, bears under its central canopy a Memorial Tablet of the LAMBETH CONFERENCE, and the record of the imperishable *formula*, which its fourscore Bishops published with one voice.

THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE,

UNDER THE PRESIDENCY

OF THE

PRIMATE OF ALL ENGLAND.

SEPT. 24, 27. DEC. 10. A. D. 1869.

WE, BISHOPS OF CHRIST'S HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH,

DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY RECORD OUR CONVICTION

THAT UNITY WILL BE MOST EFFECTUALLY PROMOTED BY

MAINTAINING THE FAITH IN ITS PURITY AND INTEGRITY,

AS TAUGHT IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES,

HELD BY THE PRIMITIVE CHURCH,

SUMMED UP IN THE CREEDS,

AND AFFIRMED BY THE UNDISPUTED GENERAL COUNCILS.

The building itself has been seriously injured by the improvement of the street in front. But if this be obviated at last by raising the edifice, then some compensating benefit will ensue in providing large rooms below for schools of a cheaper and more popular form, in the same interests of Church Education. The expense must, however, be from seven to ten thousand dollars—a hopeless sum in our poverty, unless God sends special help.

The statistics of the year, as accurate as it is possible to make the items of Families and Communicants—where so many come and go without giving formal notice—sums as follows:

Families	300
Total of attendants	1,500
Baptisms—Adults	12
" Infants	56—68
Confirmed	35
Marriages	32
Burials	23
Communicants admitted	19
Received	20
Died	2
Present number	350

In the Sunday School, *forty* Teachers and *three hundred* Scholars. Catechetical instruction is given every Sunday.

Daily Prayer is celebrated morning and evening. The aggregate of each, 366 times—in all—732. The Holy Communion has been celebrated publicly *seventy* times; on Sundays, *fifty-three*, and Holy days, *seventeen*. There have been preached one hundred and eight sermons, and forty lectures and other addresses. This is a large amount of labor to perform, and yet it comprises only a portion. There is incidental work of visiting the sick and other calls, which falls to the Cathedral Clergy, and cannot be recorded.

The choir of the Cathedral, under the training of Canon KNOWLES, with my son at the organ, has steadily advanced in efficiency, and is entirely self-supporting. More than that. The men and boys, about thirty in number, not only give their services patiently and faithfully, but also add thereto an offering on every occasion of Public Worship, which defrays the necessary expenses for surplices, books and music.

The Sunday and Day School Children are trained in the choral service; and the congregation unite heartily in response and singing.

The whole Cathedral work is sustained by the Altar offertory, the regular Sunday offerings, averaging seventy dollars; and all it is and does, costs less in the whole annual expenditure than the music alone of one of our city churches. I endeavor also to render its influence missionary and diocesan as far as possible; and the clergy second my effort with diligent sacrifice. Several Lay Helpers have given themselves to Missionary work, and are prepared to go, as need may require, and supply distant stations and vacant places on the Lord's day. They do this at their own expense, and with an absence not unfrequently from Saturday to Monday. Men and women both, from the regular congregation, offer their sacrifice of patient labor and generous gift, and thus the work goes on.

Canon KNOWLES, whose duties confine him closely to the Cathedral, and thus limit his outside work, reports to me "that he has preached three times at Lake View; once at Grace Church, where he celebrated the Holy Communion; once at St. Stephen's; once at Rockford; twice at St. James', Milwaukee; once on the steamer 'City of Madison,' on a fortnight trip to Lake Superior."

Canon MAGILL reports as follows:

In addition to my ordinary duties in the Cathedral during the past eight months I have made three hundred and eighteen Parochial Visits, and organized the Cathedral Schools. The Boys' School was opened on the 11th of April, with eight pupils; it now numbers twenty-seven. The School for Girls was opened on the first of this month, and has already twenty pupils. The staff of Teachers in both Schools numbers five.

In April last a Night School was commenced, in which it was proposed to give gratuitous instruction to boys and men. With the assistance of two gentlemen of the Cathedral congregation, I have been enabled to make this a success.

The Industrial School has been eminently successful. This was opened about the same time as the Night School, and has been regularly served by a staff of lady Teachers—volunteers from the congregation of the Cathedral. The energy and zeal of these ladies is beyond all praise. There are at present over fifty girls on the roll, to whom instruction in needle-work is given. It is confidently hoped that these Schools will be a permanent and highly useful branch of the Cathedral work.

As Clerical Director of the Cathedral Mission of "All Saints," I have to report a real though slow improvement in its condition. A lot of land has been purchased, and the first installment of $1,000 paid. Several lots of lumber have been subscribed, and we hope to have a building erected for public worship before the winter sets in. The present unfavorable location—a room four stories high—may account for the fact that the attendance has not increased according to our expectations. I have introduced the system of "Cottage Lectures" in the district, but as yet have not been able to give it a fair trial.

In addition to the Cathedral work, I have visited several of the Parishes in the Diocese. At Harvard, officiated thrice, celebrated Holy Communion once, Baptized a child, and made eight Parochial Visits; at Onarga, held nine Services, two celebrations of the Holy Communion, performed the Burial Service once, and made fifteen Parochial Visits; at Hyde Park, officiated twice, and celebrated the Holy Communion once; at Harlem, officiated twice, and celebrated the Holy Communion once; in Chicago, held six Services at Epiphany; three Services, celebration of the Holy Communion, and two Baptisms, at Calvary; two Services at Lake View; one at Ascension; at St. Mark's, one Service, and one celebration of the Holy Communion; at St. Stephen's, two Services.

The Rev. GEORGE C. STREET, A. M., is also attached to the Cathedral, as one of its Ministers; although not expected, from his other engagements, to

perform regular duty. The Report will show his offering of work:

Since my last Annual Report, I have been engaged in founding and carrying on a Church School, on the "North Side;" a work, of which, I believe, I may claim to be the pioneer in this city. Although a private enterprise, it is intended, and, I think, calculated to be—in its humble measure—a hand-maid of the Church. The Church Catechism is taught and explained daily. Ecclesiastical History forms part of the regular course of study; and it is my constant aim to train and instruct my youthful charge in their duties and privileges, as heirs of the Heavenly Inheritance. I have reason to hope, moreover, that my efforts have not been unsuccessful, since my School has already achieved a good reputation, and is constantly increasing in numbers, from term to term.

My duties in this relation, however, (in themselves, by no means the least important in the great work of building up the Kingdom of Christ on Earth,) have not interfered with the accomplishment of a considerable amount of pastoral duty, of which I subjoin a summary.

I have officiated and preached at the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, thirteen times; St. James' Church, five times; St. Mark's, Cottage Grove, eight times; St. Stephen's, once; The Church of the Epiphany, once; Calvary Church, once; Christ Church, Harlem, ten times; St. Paul's, Hyde Park, nine times; Trinity Church, Onarga, twice; at Lake View, once; and, during a trip to Canada, in July, once in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto; once at Niagara, and twice in Paris; in all, four times. Total, fifty-five times.

I have assisted in the celebration of Divine Service, on Sundays, at the Cathedral, twenty-three times; at the Church of the Ascension, twenty-four times; at St. James', six times; at other places, three times. In all, fifty-six times.

I have officiated, on week days, at the Cathedral, four times; at the Church of the Ascension, thirty-four times; at other places, five times. In all, forty-three times. I have baptized seven children; solemnized four marriages, and officiated at four funerals.

In addition to the above, I have either celebrated, or assisted at the celebration of the Holy Communion, sixteen times.

From these statements it appears, as a summary of Holy Offices thus rendered by the three Canons outside of the Cathedral, that they have officiated and preached ninety-seven times; week day services, fifty-seven; Holy Communion administered, eighteen times, with several baptisms and burials.

EXHIBIT II.

RURAL DEANS.

By the concurrent action of the last Convention the Diocese was divided into seven Deanries and Rural Deans appointed in the same. Scattered as the Clergy are over a large area, any systematic organization must, for a time at least, appear to be more high-sounding than the existent detail would sustain. This is, however, no necessary objection to orderly arrangement of permanent utility. The year of experiment has proved very satisfactory, and I am satisfied that altogether it has been a more than usually effective year of church work. It has inspired confidence in our system, and without ignoring the difficulties and infirmity under which, as a Historic Church, we must labor, there is consciousness of vigor and advance. The connection of the Deans as *ex officio* members of the Missionary Board, is no necessary consequence of the office itself. The executive diocesan work in that department could be done by the elected committee alone. But while this is true, and therefore no complication exists between the system of Rural Deans and the Missionary administration, I am satisfied of the effective strength which these officers bring of counsel and management, when, as they are, component members.

I have been favored with frequent and minute correspondence from several of the Deans, and have found myself informed and guided by the careful local information which they obtain and impart.

At my request, brief reports were made to me by each Dean before the Convention, and I subjoin these

in order, as affording frank expression of difficulties as well as of procedure.

NORTHERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. J. H. RYLANCE, D. D., Rural Dean.

ST. JAMES' RECTORY,
CHICAGO, Sept. 3, 1869.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

The commencement of our work in the Northern Deanry was somewhat delayed by my attendance upon the General Convention, in New York. At our first meeting of the Chapter at Grace Church, Chicago, the attendance was good, and a very cordial interest was manifested on the part of both the Clergy and Laity present, in the purposes of our organization. Three other Chapter Meetings were appointed, at Rockford, Aurora, and Waukegan, and at these meetings, Missionary Convocations were appointed, and Clerical and Lay delegates named to attend them, in all the Parishes and Stations of the Deanry. There have been some failures in attempting to execute these plans, but considering the extent of the work, the distances members of the Chapter and delegates to Convocations have to travel often, the consequent expense, and the preciousness of time in this overworked age and country, I think we may congratulate ourselves upon the large measure of success attained.

Still there is great need of a more resolute energy, and of a readier spirit of self denial and devotion in the work of Christ's Church, if ever she is to become "a Praise in the Earth." The great weakness of the Church among us, is a narrow, selfish congregationalism. The Diocesan work, represented by the several Deanries, affords a field for the manifestation of a Catholic spirit, in which "we, that are strong, may bear the infirmities of the weak;" wherein we may prove the blessedness of that one fellowship into which we are baptized, and realize a truth which has shaped itself into a proverb, that "in Union there is strength."

I trust that this first year of our Decanal work, which may be looked upon as tentative and experimental largely, is but a very feeble indication of the vigor and efficiency it is destined to attain. The direct benefits are many and positive;—in attaining a fuller and clearer knowledge of the wants and difficulties of our missionary field; in directing and encouraging efforts to supply such wants, and to conquer such difficulties; in the deeper emphasis with which we are able to make our appeals for help to those who cannot or will not give themselves or their time to Christian work. But the indirect advantages are as conspicuous and precious perhaps,—in the mutual love and confidence that have been inspired; in the quickened zeal we have carried back to our several parishes, for daily duty and suffering there; in the deeper confidence we have gained in the inherent capabilities of the Church

to meet the novel conditions of this Nineteenth Century; in her ability to give to the men of this age and country, that for which they crave — peace amid distraction, an authentic faith amid the ravings of heresy, and a Christian liberty, that conserves and sanctifies obedience and order.

J. H. RYLANCE, *Dean.*

NORTH WESTERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., Rural Dean.

The undersigned, in behalf of the

NORTH WESTERN DEANRY,

Reports, that soon after the Convention of 1868, the Chapter assembled in St. Paul's, Peoria; several of the Clergy attended, and also Lay Representatives from several of the Parishes.

On this occasion it was determined to hold meetings of the Chapter at the more prominent points within the Deanry every quarter, and Missionary Convocations in all the Parishes and Missionary Stations during the year.

A second meeting of the Chapter was held at Knoxville. At this meeting a Treasurer of the Deanry was appointed, through whose hands it was thought advisable that all funds raised in the Deanry for Missionary purposes should pass to the Treasurer of the Diocese; at this meeting reports were received from the Missionary Convocations held during the previous quarter.

A subsequent meeting of the Chapter was appointed at Peoria; but, owing to the necessary absence of the Dean and several of the Clergy, none was held.

The Missionary Convocations are believed to have been highly beneficial, not merely to the Parishes in which they were held but to those attending, in exciting an interest in the advancement of the Church, and bringing its members together in love and sympathy.

SAMUEL CHASE, *Dean.*

EASTERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. THEODORE N. MORRISON, D. D., Rural Dean.

ST. MATTHEW'S RECTORY,

BLOOMINGTON, Sept. 1, 1869.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

In making out a report of the condition of the Eastern Deanry, and of the work done during the past year, I shall confine myself to general statements.

The Clergy, as a body, have taken a lively interest in our Chapter Meetings, and when these meetings have been held in places of easy access, they have been well attended. There is, I think, but one opinion regarding the benefit of such Clerical and Lay gatherings. We have been drawn closer in the bonds of Christian sympathy and brotherhood, and have been strengthened by mutual consultation and the interchange of experience for the duties committed to each one of us. We hope, at no distant time, to help "bear one another's burdens" in the matter of necessary expense attendant on Chapter and Missionary meetings.

Appointments have been made for meetings to raise funds for Diocesan Missions in all our Parishes, and in such of the Missionary Stations as has been thought advisable. If there have been any failures in holding these meetings, it has risen from the fact that some of the Parishes have been vacant, or that unavoidable hinderances have prevented the attendance of those appointed to be present. It is impossible to provide for the many contingencies which are liable to hinder the keeping of Missionary and other appointments. When too late to supply the absence, some imperative Parochial duty keeps the appointee at home, or recalls him before the meeting has been concluded. Some of the difficulties now in the way of doing our duty in this matter will be obviated, in part, at least, by an increase of the Clergy, and by more direct routes of communication between Parishes.

The Clerical members of the Deanry have been doing, as they have had opportunity, Missionary work without their Parishes and regular Missionary Stations. In this way scattered members of the Church have been visited; the names and residences of others have been ascertained, and a record made of them; marriage ceremonies have been solemnized; the burial service read, and baptism administered. There are a number of quite important towns in the Deanry, in each of which there are a few Church people. In some of these occasional week-day services have been held; and to others of them the offer of such services has been made. It is a misfortune that in almost all these towns the communicants are women, and that no men are found willing to take the trouble and bear the expense of procuring, warming and lighting a room for services.

We need one or two itinerant Missionaries in this Deanry. By confining their labors within judicious boundaries, a work could be done for the Church in her infancy here and now which cannot, I conceive, be done in any other way. If the Missionary Board had the means to make two such appointments, I could designate points of convenient distance where the labors of the Missionaries would, under God, be abundantly blessed. As it is, we must wait with patience the time when the Church at large shall see her duty and her opportunity, and send forth laborers into the field ready for the harvest.

T. N. MORRISON,
Dean, Eastern Deanry.

MIDDLE DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. HENRY N. PIERCE, D. D., Rural Dean.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

I received your nomination as Dean of the Middle Deanry last winter. The Lenten Season soon coming on, and our few clergy being much occupied by the extra services customary at that season, were unable to leave their parishes then. Soon after Easter an attempt was made to organize our Chapter, but the attendance was so small that we concluded to postpone till a more favorable opportunity.

I was afterwards absent from home for several weeks, on duty in Chicago. Owing to this, and to the further fact that clerical changes have taken place in *two* of our *five* parishes, our Chapter is still unorganized. This Deanry is the weakest in Clergy and the largest in extent of any in the Diocese. Extending over twenty-two counties, and embracing nearly 500,000 souls, it has within its limits only five Clergymen; that is one Clergyman to 100,000 souls. This shows a state of destitution hardly to be paralleled in any portion of our land.

I have visited Elkhart, held service and baptized three adults and five children. I have also visited Lincoln, held service and baptized one adult and one child. I have promises of lots for Church building at each of these points. There is quite a nucleus of churchmen at Lincoln, and could we have a Missionary to reside at Lincoln, and officiate at various points upon the railroad, both north and south, we should soon have a well established parish at that town. Regretting that this report is necessarily so meagre, and hoping that another year may show a better state of things,

I am your servant in Christ and His Church,

H. N. PIERCE.

WESTERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. SIDNEY CORBETT, B. D., Rural Dean.

QUINCY, September, 1869.

TO RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., LL. D.:

The Deanry over which you have called me to minister comprises eight counties. St. John's, at Quincy, is the only Parish of real strength within it. Much of the territory that it comprises is inaccessible, except by private carriages, and as the roads intersecting it are exceedingly heavy three-fourths of the year, it is impossible to do all the missionary work required. In the Deanry committed to my charge there are but three Presbyters and one Deacon at work. These are all doing their uttermost to extend the privileges of the Church. Inasmuch as my own Parish is large, and my labors therein onerous, I have not found time to prosecute the work assigned me to my own satisfaction.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SIDNEY CORBETT, *Rural Dean.*

SOUTH WESTERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. C. S. ABBOTT, Rural Dean.

RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &c.:

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR—In addition to my report as Rector of Saint Paul's Church, Alton, I also send the following as Rural Dean of the South Western Deanry.

The Clergy belonging to this jurisdiction, in addition to the Dean, are the Rev. Messrs. Dresser, Adderly, Gibson, and Hutchins. The Rev. John Portmess was with us as Rector of the Church at Collinsville until July, when he removed to Northern Illinois. The Rev. Mr. Hutchins is so widely separated from the rest of us, he has not been able to attend any of the meetings of the Chapter or engage in our Missionary work, so that the actual working force of the Chapter is contained in the Dean and three members first named. In this connection I would record, with great satisfaction, the perfect harmony existing, and the readiness and unanimity with which the clergy of the Deanry have entered into this arrangement of the Bishop and Convention, and the hearty co-operation they have given the Dean in carrying out the plan in this missionary division of the Diocese. The one great thing to fear in the successful working of the system is, in my judgment, the danger of jealousies arising between the Clergy and the Dean, owing to the fact of his office being one not recognized by the Church at large in this country, and his position, powers, and duty, being more or less vague and undefined; it is therefore particularly gratifying to me to be able to say that nothing of the kind has been seen amongst us, but that we have all worked together in harmony, each one having in view simply the good of the Church.

Our work has been purely of a missionary character; therefore we have not attempted anything like Missionary Convocations for the purpose of raising funds, as I notice has been the case in other Deanries. Our object has been to maintain the services of the Church in such places, giving promise of church growth, as our limited number would permit. The points thus attended to are Gillespie, Bunker Hill, Edwardsville and Carlyle. Jerseyville and Carrollton were nursed by us until they were able to secure the services of Rev. Mr. Gibson.

At Edwardsville, the county-seat of Madison county, is an old Parish, the organization, however, having died out, and everything so far given up that its name has not even been mentioned on the Convention Journals for years. During the past year services have been revived. The Parish has been reorganized, and in June last two *men* were confirmed. The old church building has, with the consent of the Bishop, been sold, and measures are now being taken for the erection of a new one in a more desirable locality. A Sunday School has been organized, and for the present service is held one Sunday afternoon a month by myself. There is every prospect for a good,

healthy, self-supporting parish in a short time. It was fortunate we owned property, not only for the pecuniary help towards a new church, but during the years that the organization was practically dead, it served as a reminder of the Church's existence, and in our reorganization was something to rally around.

Carlyle, the county-seat of Clinton county, on the Ohio & Mississippi Railroad, is another point of great promise. We have no Parish organization here as yet, but we have a Parish in everything but the name. The Bishop in June confirmed several, and there are about fifteen communicants in all. The people evidence great interest, and seem determined to make the Church a success, for which the character, position, and zeal of those interested give every prospect. Here also we are endeavoring to afford service monthly.

At Bunker Hill and Gillespie we have Parishes—the latter in union with the Convention. Being without a Rector, the Decanal Chapter has been doing what it can for them, and the prospect for them was perhaps never better than it is now. Here also we are trying to give them a service once a month.

There are other places within the bounds of the Deanry—such as Collinsville, Centralia, and Salem—where Parishes are organized, besides some where, although Church services have never been held, we hear occasionally of Church families who would like to have the Church established among them, and where, with patient, persevering work, doubtless much could be done to extend the Church.

What we need is men to reap the harvest. There ought to be three Clergymen to at once begin work within the bounds of this Deanry. Men who have the love of Christ and His Church in their hearts, and who are willing to act prudently and judiciously, and to work with patience and perseverance, presenting the Church as she is in her integrity, would here find ample scope for their energies, in labor that would well repay them. The Missionary Committee might be required to do a little, and yet it would be comparatively but little; and with such an addition to the working force of the Deanry, we would soon be able to open up new places. I plead, dear Bishop, for this neglected Southern Illinois.

Respectfully,

C. S. ABBOTT,

September, 1869. *Rural Dean, S. W. Deanry.*

SOUTHERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. JAMES W. COE, Rural Dean.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D.:

Holding, by the appointment of yourself and the Convention of the Diocese, the office of Rural Dean, it may be expected that I report the condition and prospects of the Church within my Deanry, and the manner in which I have discharged the duties of my office.

My jurisdiction, comprising sixteen counties, with a population of more than 200,000 souls, so far as our Church is concerned, is a spiritual desert, with scarcely an oasis. There is now, and for the greater part of the year there has been, but one clergyman beside myself within this vast region. It is, in every sense of the word, missionary ground. There is no point within the Deanry, with the exception of Cairo, where the Church really is, or for some years to come is likely to be, self-sustaining. The organized parish at Mound City presents the most promising nucleus for Church growth and strength; but even there the Church building would have passed into other hands had it not been for the practical interest and praiseworthy liberality of several gentlemen, who are not even baptized members of the Church. To my knowledge, a single dollar has not been appropriated by any Church Missionary Board for any kind of Church work within this Deanry for the past year.

For several weeks last fall, until the road became impassable, I held divine service in the Church at Mound City, on Sunday afternoon, returning in time for my regular evening service in Cairo. Within the conventional year, I have also administered the Holy Communion to a sick person, in private, twice; baptized three adults and two children, and presented to the Bishop seven persons for confirmation.

I have also visited Metropolis, on the Ohio River, Villa Ridge, Jonesboro, Anna, Carbondale and Du Quoin, on the Illinois Central Railroad, and Grand Tower, on the Mississippi. At Metropolis, three years ago, there were a sufficient number of families and individuals, anxious for the services of the Church, to form the nucleus of a good parish; but finally discouraged, some have moved, and others have identified themselves with a Presbyterian Church since organized, and have assisted in building a house of worship. One of the most prominent and influential men of town, who, though not a communicant, is so attached to the Church as to prevent him uniting himself permanently with any other body of Christians, is acting as trustee and treasurer in the newly organized society.

Grand Tower, from its wonderful facilities for the smelting and manufacturing of iron, is destined, at no distant day, to be an important town. I know, however, at present, of but one churchman among the officers of the company; and of the workmen, and even of the coal miners at Mount Carbon, there seem to be few who are familiar with the services of the Church.

I have been much discouraged from my inability to find at any point, except Mound City, a suitable person, who would be willing, under appointment, to act as Lay Reader.

JAMES W. COE,

September 11th, 1869. *Dean, Southern Deanry.*

EXHIBIT III.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

The undersigned, a Committee appointed at a regular meeting of the Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital, to draw up the annual report to the Bishop of the Diocese, which is enjoined by the Constitution, beg leave to offer the following in discharge of their duty.

The Hospital has, during the last year, pursued steadily its course of usefulness. Although, from its limited size, it has not been able to add any more beds, it has relieved more patients. A dispensary has been in successful operation during the whole year, especially for surgical cases, and a great many persons, unable to command the services of a trained surgeon, have here been most skillfully treated. There has lately been added a department for treating diseases of the eye and ear, under the care of Dr. Samuel Jones, and already many poor persons have availed themselves of its gratuitous services. The Hospital grows steadily in the affections of Churchmen, and in the good will and confidence of all classes of the community. We have felt emboldened to commence the work of collecting subscriptions for a permanent building. Our subscription books are in circulation, and we have sanguine hopes of success. The necessity is very great; the inconvenience of our present location; the expense of the rent; the increasing call upon us; the felt duty of the Church in the city to show forth her recognition of this, her peculiar work, in a way more fitting her strength and her pretensions; all these press heavily upon our thoughts, and urge us forward in this labor of building. We ask your prayers and efforts, as well as those of all our brother Churchmen.

Religious services are held every morning in the house, and a service on Sunday, at 9 A. M. Several baptisms, funerals and private communions have been held, all of which are reported in the parish in which the hospital is situated. The receipts from all sources, from September 1, 1868, to September 1, 1869, exclusive of donations in kind, which are many and valuable, were $5,675.92. The expenses were $5,445.55, leaving a balance on September 1st, $230.39. The contributions were from the following sources:

Grace Church	$1,885 65
St. James' Church	856 93
Trinity Church	326 25
St. John's Church ($76.00 since report made up)	126 06
Cathedral	199 00
Christ Church	30 00
Church of the Ascension	60 00
Church of the Epiphany	102 00
Miscellaneous	900 72
Concert by the ladies of Grace Church	1,213 00

Church of the Holy Communion	$25 00
Calvary Church Sunday School	7 31
St. John's Church, Naperville	20 00

The thanks of the Hospital are due to the skill and attention of Drs. OWENS and JONES, and the kindness of the consulting physicians and surgeons.

The Physician-in-Chief reports the following:

House Patients from Sept. 1, 1868, to Sept. 1, 1869	176
Dispensary Patients	215—391
Births	16
Deaths	10

Of the three hundred and ninety-one, seventy-three were Churchmen, the rest from the various religious bodies. Fifty-eight were Americans, the rest principally Irish and Germans.

The Trustees, who represent all the City Churches—the charter from the State obliging the Board to be thus constituted—commend their enterprise heartily to the good will of all the Churchmen of the Diocese.

J. H. KNOWLES,
CLINTON LOCKE,
T. P. LAWRENCE,
Committee of the Board of Trustees.

EXHIBIT IV.

STATISTICS.

Confirmation has been administered in the following Parishes:

1868.		
Dec.	15, Dixon	4
"	16, Polo	7
"	17, Freeport	17
"	18, Rockford	2
"	23, Belvidere	17
1869.		
Jan.	13, Joliet	10
Feb.	13, Cathedral (special)	2
"	21, Our Saviour, Chicago	5
Mar.	7, Cairo	16
"	7, Mound City	6
"	9, Charleston	12
"	14, Christ, Chicago	19
"	14, St. John's, Chicago	11
"	17, Chillicothe	2
"	18, St. John's, Peoria	6
"	18, St. Paul's, Peoria	4
"	21, St. James', Chicago	30
"	21, Trinity, Chicago	24
"	22, Naperville	10
"	23, St. Ansgarius, Chicago	25
"	24, Calvary, Chicago	17
"	26, St. Mark's, Chicago	9
"	26, St. Stephen's, Chicago	19
"	29, Easter, Cathedral	21
April	1, Galva	1
"	2, Kewanee	11
"	4, Epiphany, Chicago	9
"	6, Kankakee	18
"	8, Danville	2
"	11, Grace, Chicago	19
"	15, Mendota	4
"	17, Quincy	22
"	18, Stone's Prairie	2
"	20, Pittsfield	15
"	25, Ascension, Chicago	13
"	25, Evanston	10
"	29, Carrollton	6
"	29, Jerseyville	7
"	30, Alton	24
May	2, Chester	9
1869.		
May	4, Carlinville	9
"	5, Chesterfield	5
"	6, Bloomington	9
"	9, Atonement, Chicago	3
"	14, Farm Ridge	1
"	16, Rock Island	14
"	16, Moline	2
"	21, Aurora	8
"	23, Elgin	4
"	23, Algonquin	1
"	25, Limestone	7
"	26, Jubilee	4
"	26, Knoxville	7
"	28, Lewistown	12
June	1, Decatur	7
"	2, Springfield	22
"	3, Jacksonville	19
"	6, Harvard	9
"	9, Kankakee	4
"	10, Momence	11
"	13, St. Anne	20
"	14, Immanuel Hall	7
"	16, Mendon	12
"	18, Quincy (by Bishop of Missouri)	4
"	20, Cathedral (special)	1
"	30, Alton	6
"	30, Edwardsville	4
July	1, Marine	4
"	1, Collinsville	1
"	2, Carlyle	5
"	6, Wilmington	12
"	8, Freeport	5
"	14, Private sick, Chicago	1
"	22, Warsaw	6
"	23, Aledo	7
"	24, Preemption	9
Cathedral (supplementary)		24
Total		750

The following Parishes have been visited or appointments made where there has been no confirmation:

Farmington, Preemption, Galena, Galesburg, Hyde Park, Ottawa, Tiskilwa.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

Clergy transferred by Dimissory Letters from this Diocese:

The Rev. JONAS GREEN, to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Iowa.

The Rev. GEORGE SAYRES, to New York.

The Rev. WILLIAM MITCHELL, to Tennessee.

The Rev. C. A. BRUCE, to Arkansas.

The Rev. CHARLES RITTER, to Pennsylvania.

The Rev. GEORGE C. GRISWOLD, to Connecticut.

The Rev. E. JAMES PURDY, to Indiana.

The Rev. JOHN GIERLOW, to California.

The Rev. EDWIN COAN, to Wisconsin.

The Rev. ALEXANDER FULLERTON, to Pennsylvania.

The Rev. J. A. RUSSELL, to Iowa.

The Rev. THOMAS D. PULFORD, to Wisconsin.

The Rev. JAMES McGOWAN, to Wisconsin.

The Rev. WARREN H. ROBERTS, to Pittsburgh.

The Rev. SAMUEL EDSON, to Iowa.

CLERGY RECEIVED.

The following Clergy have been received into this Diocese:

The Rev. HORATIO N. POWERS, D. D., from the Ecclesiastical Authority of Iowa.

The Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., from Alabama.

The Rev. A. J. YEATER, Deacon, from Texas.

The Rev. I. L. TOWNSEND, from Connecticut.

The Rev. THOMAS HOOKER EDDY, from Iowa.

The Rev. JONATHAN E. GOODHUE, from Connecticut.

The Rev. THEODORE I. HOLCOMB, from Minnesota.
The Rev. W. W. ESTABROOK, from Iowa.
The Rev. GEORGE F. BUGBEE, from Long Island.
The Rev. J. NELSON HUME, Deacon, from California.
The Rev. GEORGE J. MAGILL, from Toronto.
The Rev. BROCKHOLST MORGAN, from New Jersey.
The Rev. OSCAR B. THAYER, from Kentucky.
The Rev. JOHN B. COLHOUN, from Central New York.
The Rev. EZRA JONES, from Wisconsin.

ORDINATIONS—PRIESTHOOD.

In the Cathedral, Chicago, on Sunday, the 12th day of September:

The Rev. MARCH CHASE was admitted to the Holy Order of Priests.

DIACONATE.

At St. John's Church, Quincy, on the 17th day of April, I admitted and ordained

P. B. LYONS to the Order of Deacons.

The Sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. Dr. CORBYN, of Palmyra, Missouri.

In the Cathedral, Chicago, on Sunday, the 30th day of May, I admitted and ordained

ALBERT AUGUSTUS FISKE to the Order of Deacons.

Also,

In the Cathedral, Chicago, on Sunday, the 12th day of September, I admitted and ordained

A. W. GLASS to the Order of Deacons.

CLERGY DECEASED.

The Rev. ROSWELL PARK, D. D.

DEPOSED.

The Rev. H. W. WOODS.

WHOLE NUMBER OF CLERGY, 89; RESIDENT, 1.

SETTLEMENT OF CLERGY.

The Clergy transferred have been settled as follows:

The Rev. Dr. POWERS, St. John's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. Dr. PIERCE, St. Paul's, Springfield.

The Rev. A. J. YEATER, Deacon, Belvidere, now in Texas.

The Rev. I. L. TOWNSEND, Trinity, Jacksonville.

The Rev. JONATHAN E. GOODHUE, Grace, Sterling.

The Rev. THOMAS H. EDDY, Polo and Lee Centre.

The Rev. T. I. HOLCOMB, Trinity, Rock Island.

The Rev. W. W. ESTABROOK, Christ, Ottawa.

The Rev. GEORGE F. BUGBEE, St. Paul's, Hyde Park.

The Rev. J. NELSON HUME, Deacon, St. Peter's, Sycamore.

The Rev. GEORGE J. MAGILL, Cathedral.

The Rev. BROCKHOLST MORGAN, St. Mark's, Chicago.

The Rev. OSCAR B. THAYER, Atonement, Chicago.

The Rev. JOHN B. COLHOUN, Osco and Cambridge.

The Rev. EZRA JONES, Principal of Immanuel Hall.

The Rev. P. B. LYONS, ordained Deacon, Stone's Prairie.

The Rev. ALBERT A. FISKE.

The Rev. A. W. GLASS, Missionary in the vicinity of Geneva.

CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Changes of Cure within the Diocese:

The Rev. Dr. CUSHMAN, from Sycamore to Princeton.

The Rev. C. P. DORSET, from St. Stephen's, Chicago, to Ascension.

The Rev. GEORGE GIBSON, from St. Stephen's, Chicago, to Jerseyville and Carrollton.

The Rev. W. F. B. JACKSON, from Springfield to Our Saviour, Chicago.

The Rev. W. Y. JOHNSON, from Polo to Chillicothe.

The Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES, resigned, Atonement, Chicago.

The Rev. JOHN PORTMESS, from Bunker Hill to Belvidere.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, resigned, Pekin.

NOTICES OF DISCIPLINE.

Notice of Deposition from other Dioceses:

October 8, 1868, The Rev. DAVID KERR, Presbyter, Bishop Lay, Arkansas.

October 8, 1868, The Rev. WILLIAM G. STEWART, Deacon, Bishop Johns, Virginia.

November 19, 1868, The Rev. JOHN H. MEILI, Presbyter, Bishop Wilmer, Alabama.

January 9, 1869, The Rev. J. W. ROGERS, Presbyter, Bishop Quintard, Tennessee.

January 11, 1869, The Rev. G. BEDELL KEEN, Deacon, Bishop Stevens, Pennsylvania.

March 19–23, 1869, The Rev. SAMUEL HERMANN, Presbyter, Bishop Clarkson, Nebraska.

April 19, 1869, The Rev. MARSHALL B. SMITH, Presbyter, Bishop Odenheimer.

May 18, 1869, The Rev. J. J. TALBOT, Bishop Kip, California.

August 12, 1869, The Rev. JOHN W. SHATZELL, Bishop Whipple, Minnesota.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

FREDERICK C. WHITEHOUSE, JAMES CORNELL, EDWARD TOLL, THOMAS NORTH—4.

CANDIDATES ADMITTED.

P. B. LYONS.

A. W. GLASS, transferred from Maryland.

CANDIDATES FOR PRIESTHOOD ADMITTED.

The Rev. A. A. FISKE.

The Rev. PETER ARVEDSON.

CONSENT TO CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS.

I have given my Canonical assent to the consecration of the following Bishops:

1868—The Rev. B. WISTAR MORRIS, D. D., to be Bishop of Oregon and Washington.

1868—The Rev. OZI W. WHITAKER, D. D., Missionary Bishop elect of Nevada.

1868—The Rev. W. C. DOANE, D. D., to be Bishop of Albany.

1868—The Right Rev. H. CHAMPLIN LAY, D. D., Missionary Bishop of South West, translated to Diocesan of the Diocese of Easton.

1869—The Rev. A. N. LITTLEJOHN, D. D., to be Bishop of Long Island.

1869—The Rev. F. D. HUNTINGTON, to be Bishop of Central New York.

CONSENT TO NEW PARISHES.

November 19, 1868.—St. John's, Chillicothe.

April 26, 1869.—Zion Church, Bowmansville.

July, 1869.—Christ Church, Fulton.

July, 1869.—Good Shepherd, Momence.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCHES.

On Wednesday, June 9th, I dedicated to the service of Almighty God, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Kankakee.

CORNER STONES LAID.

On Thursday, June 10th, I laid the Corner Stone of the Church of the Good Shepherd at Momence.

Also, on Thursday, August 24th, St. Bartholomew's Day, I performed a similar duty at Preemption.

CANONICAL DISCIPLINE EXERCISED.

The Rev. HENRY W. WOODS, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chicago, renounced the Ministry of the Church to join the Baptists. Deposed in presence of three Presbyters, viz.: Rev. Canon DORSET, KNOWLES and MAGILL, in the Cathedral, May 9, Sunday.

Also, on June 21, cited for canonical trial, Rev. CHARLES E. CHENEY, Rector of Christ Church, Chicago, on charges of misconduct for omissions in the office of Baptism of Infants. The trial, while in progress, was prevented from proceeding by an injunction from the Civil Court, and appeal has been taken from the injunction to the Supreme Court, and is adjourned pending that decision.

APPOINTMENT OF RURAL DEAN IN MIDDLE DEANRY.

The Rev. W. F. B. JACKSON resigned the parish of Springfield, and removed out of the Deanry; I have appointed to the place of Rural Dean thus vacated the Rev. HENRY N. PIERCE, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's, Springfield.

NOTANDA.

1868.

On the *Festival of the Holy Innocents*, held celebration of Sunday Schools in the Cathedral, with the reception of offerings from the classes in order, the distribution of gifts to the children, and special prizes to the best choristers.

December 29.—On the next evening I attended the Festival of our interesting Mission of All Saints, which was founded by Canon DORSET, and is now under the special supervision of Canon MAGILL. There have been some Laymen and ladies engaged in it from the beginning, who have devoted to it patient zeal, and will succeed ultimately in building a Chapel in a relatively destitute part of the city. I distributed the prizes and gifts to the children, and we all enjoyed a Churchly Festival.

December 30.—On this evening I attended to similar duties in the Church School on the North Side, established by Canon STREET, where, with the pupils, I had the pleasure of meeting a company of the parents and others, and of addressing the children and company assembled.

1869.

On Tuesday, January 9, I delivered a lecture in St. Paul's Church, Milwaukee, on the "*Graffito of the Palatine*," in behalf of the Church Home in that city. It formed one of a course arranged with this benevolent object, and attended with success.

January 14.—My visitation at Joliet synchronized with the meeting of the Decanal Chapter. I administered the Holy Communion the morning following my visitation services.

Sunday, January 17, officiated in Trinity Church, Chicago, in the absence of the Rector.

January 20, went to Peoria to attend meeting of Trustees of Jubilee College. One important object of this meeting was to consider a proposal to remove the institution to Springfield, where a building erected for a Lutheran college, with ten acres of land, was offered to us for the amount of an incumbrance which did cover a quarter of the value. I had myself carefully examined the property during a visit made for the purpose in December. The Trustees after deliberation did not agree on the purchase, in consequence, in part, of conflicting provisions in our charter. But in some mode, I should hope, so favorable an occasion of placing a Church Institution in the capital of the State should be embraced—especially in view of the setting-off of the southern portion as a new Diocese, which we may hope soon to accomplish, in which event Springfield might be the metropolis, and perhaps title, of the new organization.

In regard to Jubilee College itself, the opinion of a majority of the Trustees concurred with my own, that the property should be sold, and the proceeds either employed in an institution in the city of Peoria or funded to await some favorable opening. In the same connection I may mention, as an instance of liberality on the part of the proprietors of the beautiful site of "Washington Heights," in the vicinity of Chicago, that they offered to me, for the removal of the College to that place, one hundred acres of land and twenty-

five thousand dollars in cash, with ten acres additional for my own private use. There should be vigor enough in the Church to develop such favorable openings.

On the occasion of this visit to Peoria I delivered, by request, in St. Paul's Church, a lecture on "Anglican Catholicity," which was attended by a very large and indulgent congregation.

January 24 I again preached in Trinity Church, Chicago.

During this month and subsequently I gave attention to the securing of the College property at Knoxville for St. Mary's Hall; held meetings here with gentlemen interested, and paid several visits to the place. I am glad to say that the difficulties which existed have been removed. The stockholders are ready with unanimity to assign the stock; the corporate franchise can be secured to us, and the promise is encouraging of permanent possession. My visits to the School have been gratifying, from the excellent administration of Mr. LEFFINGWELL and his able corps of Teachers, and from the evident appreciation of the School in the number of pupils, up to the capacity of a large building to accommodate. I can safely commend the Institution as administered to the confidence and patronage of the Diocese.

On Sunday evening, February 14, I presided at a Missionary Convocation held in Trinity Church in this city, at which I also made an address. Clergy and Laymen presented different views of the subject with earnest power.

During the season of Lent daily service was held at a central place in the business part of the city. A short service was arranged for it by my direction. The Clergy in turn conducted it, and on several occasions

I took place in doing so, and added a short practical address.

March 9–10, I visited Charleston, in Coles county; and select the place for mention because there and at Paris, Edgar county—near enough to be under the same charge for the present—there is peculiar activity in behalf of the Church. At Paris the building is nearly completed, with resources drawn from themselves alone. The Rev. MARCH CHASE is serving them, and secures their attachment.

March 15, went to Milwaukee and attended a meeting there of the Committee on the Translation of the Book of Common Prayer into Swedish. Everything is of interest to me which concerns our relations to the great Protestant Communities of Scandinavia—especially the Church of Sweden, which adheres to the Apostolic form of government in the succession of her Bishops; and has, besides, so much of the Catholic element. It is source of constant lament to me that the large numbers of that nation who settle in the Western States seem so indifferent to these great ties which bind their mediæval Church to the fourth and earlier centuries, and link them so demonstrably with the Anglican Communion. The Lutheran element is in no conflict with the strictly Episcopal—regarded not merely in Erastian degradation as a civil dignity or merely elective preference of administration, but regarded in its full authority as going back in unbroken chain to the Apostles, and conveyed to the National Scandinavian Church, as ANSGAR and others united with English Missionaries in founding and fostering it. There are learning and national spirit with well-founded institutions of Theology in this country, with able and devout men as professors and pastors. The

Mother Church at home must undergo some severe strain in passing, as she will do, from her recognized state-power to a self-government and reliance on the attachment of the people. I cannot suppress my anxious interest, though only a stranger, that her trans-Atlantic children should so maintain the ancient faith and discipline as to be help and comfort in the time of need.

In this connection, it is right to speak of St. Ansgarius', our own parochial contribution to this good work of fellowship in ministry and worship. This congregation has largely increased during the year. The Service is that of the National Swedish Church, and the amount of parochial labor performed by its industrious Pastor is larger in most items than any Parish in the Diocese. Indeed, I regard with astonishment the work which Mr. BREDBERG is called to perform. The reported record can give but small indication, even numerically, of the perpetual claims upon him. The calls and applications for advice and assistance, as the poor and weary emigrants reach our city, seeking place to remain or asking help and refreshment to pass on—these constitute an incessant appeal during a portion of the year. As a Mission, it is the most important and appealing that we have entrusted to us, and it is very inadequately supported. The Clergy and Churches of Chicago should lend towards it more systematic sympathy and help.

March 31, I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the North Western Deanry, held at Knoxville, and met there with the Dean, Dr. CHASE, Rev. Messrs. BENSON, CHAMBERLAINE, MCKIM and ROBERTS. The intercourse and business arrangements for local work afforded me encouragement.

Sunday, May 30, I ordained Mr. A. A. FISKE to the Diaconate with full qualifications, and preached the Sermon. Mr. FISKE had pursued his preparatory studies at Nashotah, and is a brother of the Rev. Dr. FISKE, of Cincinnati.

June 5–7.—Visited Harvard, a Missionary point, developed by the Rev. P. ARVEDSON. There is promising interest in the Church, and its friends appear to be willing and able to establish it. I confirmed nine, and twenty-one were present at the Holy Communion.

Wednesday, June 9.—At St. Paul's, Kankakee, met the Decanal Chapter of the "Eastern Deanry." Divine Service was held in the evening. Dr. MORRISON preached the sermon, and several clergy were in attendance—Messrs. PHILLIPS, STEELE, KNOWLES, OSBORNE, GUILLEMONT and WELLS.

The next day the Church was consecrated, on which occasion I preached the sermon. In the evening held Confirmation, when four received the rite. The next day rode twelve miles along the Kankakee River to Momence, a place which has been visited, with occasional services, by the active Rector of St. Paul's, and now assumes a parochial organization. After Divine Service, I laid, with proper services, the corner stone of the Church, in which a large assembly partook. The weather was beautiful, and we were gratified by all the incidents. I feel assured that there will be a vigorous congregation in this growing town. No better earnest of this result could be asked than the heartiness of these opening services and the fact that *eleven* were presented for confirmation. We rode back to Kankakee in the evening.

Sunday, June 13, I spent with Mr. GUILLEMONT, our faithful and accomplished Missionary to the small

French Flock at St. Anne. The people are poor and unable to do much to support a minister. But they appear earnest and attached to the services. The small building has been painted and repaired; responses were well made; singing and chanting, led by Mr. G., were heartily congregational.

I read the Ante-Communion, preached and administered the Holy Communion in the morning, and in the afternoon baptized the infant of the Rector and confirmed *twenty*—some among them advanced in years. I addressed the Candidates, and afterwards spoke to the Congregation. These services were, of course, all in French. I heard of one person who not unfrequently walked twenty miles to attend church, and several who came on foot ten and five miles. This was the case on the visit I record.

Monday, *June* 14, I visited Immanuel Hall and addressed the students before confirmation, and the Candidates after. Seven were presented, the last offering of the Rev. Dr. PARK, who shortly after closed his valuable life.

June 17, *Thursday*, made a pleasant visitation to Mendon, where Rev. Dr. REYNOLDS, of Warsaw, has officiated every other Sunday, and done so with much exposure and hardship through the winter. The Congregation, which is isolated, sustains itself with perseverance, and would make liberal effort for a resident pastor.

Being so near Quincy, I passed to that city to hold a second Confirmation. I found the Bishop of Missouri and Mrs. ROBERTSON there, and enjoyed some hours' interview at the house of the Rector. Being obliged to return to Chicago, and the service having been fixed for the evening, I requested the Bishop

to officiate for me, which he kindly did, and confirmed four persons.

From June 22 *to* 26, engaged in a visit to Fairibault, where I preached the Consecration Sermon in the Cathedral just completed by Bishop WHIPPLE, and with the Schools, Male and Female, Literary and Theological, constituting a living centre of Episcopal influence. "Happy the people that are in such a case."

From Tuesday, June 29, *to Saturday, July* 3, was engaged in Missionary work. Visited several places in the vicinity of Alton, in which I was accompanied by the Dean.

August 22, spent in Warsaw; confirmed both morning and evening. On the latter occasion I made an address "On the Church of the Creeds and our Relation to it." From there by a day's ride reached Aledo in time for Evening Service, preached and confirmed seven. Rode the next day to Preemption and laid the corner stone of new Church in a part of the Parish too remote for a convenient attendance on the Church known as "Grace Church," Rock Island county. I passed on to this Church and officiated in the afternoon, confirming nine. One of the parishioners kindly drove me twelve miles into Rock Island, where I took the night train for Chicago.

Sunday, September 12, held an Ordination in the Cathedral, at which the Rev. MARCH CHASE was admitted and ordained to the Order of Priests, and Mr. A. W. GLASS to that of Deacons. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. CHASE, who presented his son for the Priesthood, and, with the Cathedral Clergy and the Rev. HARRY JONES, of London, united in the Laying on of Hands.

In the afternoon I held the Supplementary Confirmation, at which Candidates were presented from the Cathedral, St. Stephen's, and St. Ansgarius'—in all, twenty-four. I made address before and afterwards to those confirmed.

In the evening the Rev. Mr. JONES preached.

My work through the year has been courteously facilitated by the railroad companies, and I have everywhere been met with peculiar confidence. I have enjoyed adequate assurance that the unworthy efforts of a few restless men in the Church, and the fierce impeachment of my motives and reputation in some public acts, had failed to affect seriously the attachment and loyalty of the Clergy and People.

At the close of the Convention the Bishop, as is customary, addressed the members before the final adjournment.

The Secretary, with permission of the Bishop, has appended to the Annual Address the remarks then made. They are collated from the report in the daily newspapers.

ADDRESS MADE BY THE BISHOP AT THE CLOSE OF THE CONVENTION:

On arriving, Beloved, at the close of the Convention, there must always be subject for collective and personal gratitude. No day of our life can pass without instances which call for special praise. But in proportion to the manner in which we have been engaged, and the incidents given or withheld, which make that day peculiar, will there come more marked occasion for our relative gratefulness. Especially must this be the case when, during a successive period of time, we have been professedly and more directly engaged in the service of God and His Church, and events occur in such a manner as to bear with them assurance of the Divine blessing and emphatic interposition of Divine protection. And I feel, and you feel, that on this occasion of our Annual Assembly, which has now closed its sessions, we have had distinct reasons for this heavenward emotion.

We have come here under circumstances to the Church of deep importance, and, at the same time, those that were calculated to create apprehension; and which might make our meeting one open to those mistakes, and agitation, and collision which must occur in deliberative bodies, with human passions and conflicting feelings.

And yet, I think, notwithstanding all exposure and apprehensions, it may be safely said that we have passed through this Convention with a degree of remarkable harmony; harmony, not only remarkable as taken under those circumstances, but remarkable under any condition in which so large a body assembles, in the

freedom of debate, in deep, and sometimes conflicting interests in the matters before it.

There has scarcely fallen from a member a sentence; there has scarcely been uttered a word; there has not been done an act that, in any way, could be construed as defective in its Christian and gentlemanly propriety. In all the collision of debate, it has been conducted in the very highest tone of intellectual and moral feeling.

I feel proud of the relations that have been exhibited, even in this lower form by this Convention; and I feel that I am only testifying to a fact which must have been patent to every eye here, that has had opportunity to take cognizance of it, that the Diocese of Illinois has presented, through its representatives, a beautiful aspect of Christian order. And when I utter that, I utter something that, to my own ear and heart, causes always a deep consciousness of superintending Grace.

To be really consistent as a Christian Church, and to present a body of Christian gentlemen, is no small elevation of moral as well as individual character.

Under these general circumstances, the claim on our gratitude to Almighty God for His protection and overlooking care must be apparent, and may He inspire our hearts and lives to remember the goodness.

We feel—and we are free to speak of it—that the Church has been passing through a crisis during the past year. I know not how incidents could combine more likely to leave behind them division, both in counsel and in action; difficulties in attaining results of a normal and healthy character, and inflicting, perhaps, separations of courtesy and friendship, and embarrassment in the general and harmonious conduct of our diocesan affairs. Yet there has been no time

where, when the necessity existed, there has been such a demonstration of union, such an energetic, deep-toned reality in that feeling, as has occurred in this present. And I believe that we are, in this, only an epitome of the Church of which we are a component part, that all these seeming divisions, are, to a very great degree, superficial; that the grand moral result of them throughout the land is to advance unity, to render more earnest individual and collective feeling, to make men realize more their responsibility and their privileges, and to advance in a more signal manner the agreement and fellowship and more intimate communion in heart and action of the Church in the United States.

I have individually and privately hazarded the opinion (and I feel myself entirely content to commit myself to it thus publicly) that at no time previous has the Church been in a condition of more active, demonstrative working unity than at the present (and under unity I mean and comprehend union of feeling and union of action); and has been better prepared in everything to illustrate our position and character, and press forward in the fulfillment of the solemn trust committed to us in the midst of this great nation. And if these relations be real that I have thus expressed as existing first in our own, and then presenting themselves in our diocesan individuality as a type of what exists all around us, I feel that the appeal is very direct to us. But this is no sentiment merely, to be lost in the enjoining; it is no matter that is to be allowed to pass as if it were a thing accomplished, and done when Convention adjourns *sine die;* but it is a spirit that we are to carry away with us, and under which we are to work in our respective positions, and more especially as we are to be influential in communicating that spirit to others.

I always feel a degree of regret when such a Convention has transpired; and as its voice goes out, and as its deeds shine forth, and as its great collective power reveals itself to our apprehension within these walls, I always feel regret that every eye in the Diocese that loves the Church is not upon us; that every ear that would enjoy the messages, tidings, and words that are here uttered, is not here to hear them and profit by them. But that cannot be. But cannot you be swift messengers of these tidings? Cannot you, ministering brethren of the sanctuary, carry something of the power of this into your own households of faith, and tell there "what great things the Lord hath done for us?" Will not the laity make these things topics of conversation, earnest and real, to their brother laymen; trying to report to them the interest, and the force, and the sense of duty and of love that they now feel, and the increment of which they are conscious they have gathered?

We must go out, to carry home, and to spread around and multiply the influences and the powers that God hath given us in this our solemn meeting; and we must do it all in what, perhaps because it is the deep feeling of my own mind, I take to be its principal assurance; never to be afraid; never to be afraid for the Church of the living God. However dark, however threatening, however the waves may rage and swell, we should feel that if we stand calm in our place of duty, ready to do, ready to dare, and, above all, ready to endure, there is One above that controls those waves, and not one of them shall toss and swell except at last as it shall minister for the well-being and the joy of Zion. And we may carry this hope deeper still. We have our annoyances, our individual anxieties, as we

have our joys. None of us can return to our home and do just as we would, or select our place and cross as our own choice. Some of us go to homes that have been bereaved; some of us go to duties that we know now are full of trial, of impending anxiety and change; and we all know, as we advance, that where the next foot shall be planted securely, is known to God alone. There, too, we can trust; there, too, we can stand firm, and know that the grace that is given, is sufficient for it all. The thorn will not pass—it will not be blunted and its sharp point rounded and made smooth; much less, that thorn may not be taken away, though there be threefold cry for relief; yet there will come in the abundance of that power, the testimony in the inspired word to bear it to our ear, and the testimony of it in that deeper utterance, in those silent chambers where the "still small voice within us" will breathe the words of peace, security and hope—"My grace is sufficient for thee." And under this trust, beloved, as God's own minister, as your father in God, as one who loves and prays for you, and tries, as far as he can, to take into his own heart a realization of your wants and your trials,—as your father in God, I pray that you may all have the sense of this overmastering trust, this power that is able to take the sting out of every sorrow, to keep us strong through all infirmities, to give us that innate vigor that can master not only the troubles of the world and the temptations of it, not only the smaller world of temptation out and around us, but the great one of temptation and trial that lies within us. And may God thus bless you and keep you, prosper your labor, fulfill your desire, and, when that time comes, lead me and lead you into that blessed rest which He hath provided for His Church.

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CALENDAR

Of Parochial Offerings, and of Vestry and Parish Meetings, &c., in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Illinois.

Advent A. D. 1869. Advent A. D. 1870.

Dec. 19,	1869	4th Sunday in Advent..	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Feb. 6,..	1870	5th Sund. aft. Epiphany	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
Feb. 8,..	1870	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
Mar. 20,	1870	3d Sunday in Lent.....	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Apr. 18,	1870	Monday in Easter Week	§ Election of Vestry, etc.
May 1,..	1870	St. Philip and St. James	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
May 2,..	1870	....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
June 19,	1870	1st Sunday after Trinity	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Aug. 7,..	1870	8th Sunday after Trinity	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
Aug. 8,..	1870	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
Sept. 13,	1870	.....	‖ Diocesan Convention, Chicago.
Sept. 18,	1870	14th Sunday aft. Trinity	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Nov. 6,..	1870	21st Sunday aft. Trinity	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
Nov. 7,.	1870	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
Nov. —,	1870	Thanksgiving Day... ..	¶ Offering, Infirm Clergy.

* See Canon XIII, Sec. 6.

† See Canon XIII, Sec. 2.

‡ See Canon VIII, *Constitution of a Parish, Art. VIII, Sec.* 1.

§ See Canon IX, Sec. 1, and Canon VIII, *Constitution of a Parish, Art. V.*

‖ See Amendment to Article III, Constitution, Sec. 1, Page 26, Journal of Thirtieth Annual Convention.

¶ See Canon XIV, Sec. 1.

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The RIGHT REVEREND THE BISHOP.

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List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Illinois

FOR THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION,
SEPTEMBER, A. D. 1870.

Clergy Marked thus * are not entitled to seats.

The Right Reverend HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., LL. D., D. D., Oxon., LL. D. Cantab.; Bishop of the Diocese and President of Jubilee College, Chicago.

The Rev. Joseph Adderly, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Chesterfield, and Christ Church, Waverly.

The Rev. Cornelius S. Abbott, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Alton; Rural Dean, South-Western Deanry.

The Rev. Stephen T. Allen, Rector of Trinity Church, Aurora.

The Rev. Peter Arvedson, Deacon, officiating in St. John's Church, Algonquin, and Dundee. P. O., Algonquin.

The Rev. Andrew James Barrow, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Evanston.

The Rev. Thomas N. Benedict, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Wyoming.

The Rev. John Benson, Rector of St. John's Church, Peoria.

The Rev. Jacob Bredberg, Rector of St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago.

The Rev. George F. Bugbee, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Hyde Park.

The Rev. John Cauch, Deacon, officiating in the Church of the Advent, Marengo.

The Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine,* Missionary. P. O., Robin's Nest.

The Rev. J. Taylor Chambers, Rector of St. John's Church, Naperville.

The Rev. Philander Chase, Missionary at Limestone and parts adjacent. P. O., Robin's Nest.

The Rev. March Chase, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., Vice-President of Jubilee College; Rector of Christ Church, Robin's Nest; Rural Dean, North-Western Deanry.

The Rev. Charles E. Cheney, Rector of Christ Church, Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES P. CLARKE, residing at Ottawa.

The Rev. EDWIN COAN, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo; Rural Dean, Southern Deanry.

The Rev. JAMES W. COE, officiating in St. Paul's Church, Peoria.

The Rev. JOHN B. CALHOUN, M. D., Minister at Osco and Cambridge. P. O., Cambridge.

The Rev. THOMAS K. COLEMAN, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. SIDNEY CORBETT, B. D. Rector of St. John's Church, Quincy; Rural Dean, Western Deanry.

The Rev. SAMUEL COWELL.* P. O., Lockport.

The Rev. GEORGE F. CUSHMAN, D. D., Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Princeton.

The Rev. ERASTUS DEWOLF, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marseilles.

The Rev. CHARLES P. DORSET, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, and Canon of the Cathedral, Chicago.

The Rev. ELIJAH H. DOWNING, Rector of Grace Church, Galena.

The Rev. DAVID W. DRESSER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlinville.

The Rev. S. BRAINARD DUFFIELD, Rector of Christ Church, Waukegan.

The Rev. THOMAS HOOKER EDDY, M. D., Polo and Lee Center.

The Rev. W. W. ESTABROOK, Rector of Christ Church, Ottawa.

The Rev. THOMAS B. FAIRCHILD, Rector of St. John's Church, Kewanee.

The Rev. JOHN A. FITCH, residing in Belvidere.

The Rev. A. W. GLASS, Deacon, Geneva; Missionary on Dixon Air Line Railroad.

The Rev. WILLIAM FULLER, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Rev. GEORGE GIBSON, Missionary at Fulton.

The Rev. CHARLES A. GILBERT, Rector of Christ Church, Joliet.

The Rev. JONATHAN E. GOODHUE, Rector of Grace Church, Sterling.

The Rev. JONAS GREENE, Rector of All Saints, Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM GREENE.*

The Rev. F. M. GREGG, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield.

The Rev. C. B. GUILLEMONT, Missionary to the French, St. Anne, Kankakee county.

The Rev. HENRY T. HIESTER, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Farm Ridge.

The Rev. THEODORE I. HOLCOMB, Rector of Trinity Church, Rock Island.

The Rev. BENJAMIN HUTCHINS, Rector of St. John's Church, Albion.

The Rev. J. NELSON HUME, M. D., Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Pittsfield.

The Rev. WILLIAM B. F. JACKSON, Rector of the Church of Our Saviour, Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM JOHN JOHNSTONE, Rector of Zion Church, Freeport.

The Rev. WILLIAM Y. JOHNSON, Rector of St. John's Church, Chillicothe.

The Rev. EZRA JONES,* Immanuel Hall.

The Rev. S. RUSSELL JONES,* Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES V. KELLEY, D. D., Assistant Minister St. James' Church, Chicago.

The Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES, Canon of the Cathedral, Chicago.

The Rev. CHARLES W. LEFFINGWELL, Rector of St. Mary's School and St. John's Church, Knoxville.

The Rev. CLINTON LOCKE, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Chicago.

The Rev. P. B. LYONS, Deacon, Stone's Prairie.

The Rev. MATTHEW MAGILL, Rector of St. John's Church, Henry.

The Rev. WILLIAM INGRAM MAGILL, Rector of Christ Church, Harlem.

The Rev. PHILIP MCKIM, Rector of St. John's Church, Decatur.

The Rev. BROCKHOLST MORGAN, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. THEODORE N. MORRISON, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington; Rural Dean, Eastern Deanry.

The Rev. FRANCIS B. NASH, Rector of St. Jude's Church, Tiskilwa.

The Rev. JOHN WESLEY OSBORNE, Missionary on Illinois Central Railroad. P. O., Chicago.

The Rev. HENRY G. PERRY, Jerseyville and Carrollton.

The Rev. DUANE S. PHILLIPS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kankakee.

The Rev. JOHN PORTMESS, Rector of Trinity Church, Belvidere.

The Rev. H. N. POWERS, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Chicago.

The Rev. WM. M. REYNOLDS, D. D.,* Chicago.

The Rev. A. B. RUSSELL,* residing in Pekin.

The Rev. ROBERT RYALL, Rector of Zion Church, Mendon.

The Rev. JOSEPH H. RYLANCE, D. D., Rector of St. James' Church, Chicago; Rural Dean, Northern Deanry.

The Rev. HENRY SAFFORD, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington.

The Rev. A. W. SNYDER, Rector of Calvary Church, Chicago.

The Rev. THOMAS SMITH, B. D.,* residing in Chicago.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, Rector of Trinity Church, Onarga.

The Rev. GEORGE C. STREET, Associate Rector of the Church of the Ascension, and Canon of the Cathedral, Chicago.

The Rev. EDWARD SULLIVAN, A. M., Rector of Trinity Church, Chicago.

The Rev. RICHARD F. SWEET, B. D., Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Chicago.

The Rev. OSCAR B. THAYER, Rector of the Church of the Atonement, Chicago.

The Rev. WM. THOMPSON, Rector of Grace Church, Galesburgh.

The Rev. I. L. TOWNSEND, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville, and Rural Dean, Middle Deanry.

The Rev. ROBERT TREWARTHA, Deacon; officiating in Paris, Coles county.

The Rev. GUSTAV UNONIUS,* residing in Sweden.

The Rev. WM. E. WALKER, Deacon; Missionary, Trinity Church, Geneseo.

The Rev. J. E. WALTON, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Rockford.

The Rev. ALBERT E. WELLS,* Chicago.

The Rev. JOHN R. WEST,* absent in Europe.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Dixon.

CLERGY RESIDENT, NOT TRANSFERRED.

The Rev. GERSHOM P. WALDO, Springfield.
The Rev. WILLIAM TURNER, Lockport.
The Rev. CHARLES B. STOUT, Chicago.

Whole number of Clergy canonically resident in the Diocese:

Bishop	1	
Priests	83	
Deacons	5	89
Number entitled to seats in this Convention		78
Number present entitled to seats		57
Number present not entitled to seats		3
Number absent entitled to seats		20
Number absent not entitled to seats		9

CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS

PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., etc., Bishop of the Diocese.

The Rev.	C. S. Abbott,	The Rev.	J. N. Hume, M. D.,
"	S. T. Allen,	"	W. F. B. Jackson,
"	Peter Arvedson,	"	C. V. Kelley, D. D.,
"	A. J. Barrow,	"	J. H. Knowles,
"	Jacob Bredberg,	"	C. W. Leffingwell,
"	George F. Bugbee,	"	M. Magill,
"	J. T. Chambers,	"	W. I. Magill,
"	March Chase,	"	Brockholst Morgan,
"	Samuel Chase, D. D.,	"	T. N. Morrison, D. D.,
"	Edwin Coan,	"	F. B. Nash,
"	James W. Coe,	"	J. W. Osborne,
"	Thomas K. Coleman,	"	D. S. Phillips,
"	Sidney Corbett, B. D.,	"	John Portmess,
"	G. F. Cushman, D. D.,	"	H. N. Powers, D. D.,
"	C. P. Dorset,	"	H. G. Perry,
"	E. H. Downing,	"	Robert Ryall,
"	D. W. Dresser,	"	J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
"	S. Brainard Duffield,	"	A. W. Snyder,
"	T. H. Eddy, M. D.,	"	W. M. Steel,
"	W. W. Estabrook,	"	Geo. C. Street,
"	A. W. Glass,	"	Edward Sullivan, A. M.,
"	F. M. Gregg,	"	R. F. Sweet,
"	C. A. Gilbert,	"	Henry Safford,
"	J. E. Goodhue,	"	O. B. Thayer,
"	Jonas Greene,	"	William Thompson,
"	C. B. Guillemont,	"	I. L. Townsend,
"	H. T. Hiester,	"	William E. Walker,
"	Theodore I. Holcomb,	"	W. H. Williams.

CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS

ABSENT FROM THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev.	Joseph Adderly,	The Rev.	George Gibson,
"	T. N. Benedict,	"	B. Hutchins,
"	John Benson,	"	Wm. John Johnstone,
"	John Cauch,	"	Wm. Y. Johnson,
"	P. Chase,	"	P. McKim,
"	C. E. Cheney,	"	Clinton Locke, D. D.,
"	C. P. Clark,	"	P. B. Lyons,
"	John B. Colhoun, M. D.,	"	A. B. Russell,
"	E. DeWolf,	"	Robert Trewartha,
"	T. B. Fairchild,	"	J. E. Walton.

CLERGY NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS

PRESENT AT THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev. Ezra Jones, The Rev. W. M. Reynolds, D. D.,
The Rev. Albert E. Wells.

CLERGY NOT ENTITLED TO SEATS

ABSENT FROM THIS CONVENTION.

The Rev. Samuel Cowell,
" J. S. Chamberlaine,
" John A. Fitch,
" William Greene,
" William Fuller,
The Rev. S. Russell Jones,
" Thomas Smith, B. D.
" Gustav Unonius,
" John R. West.

CLERGY OF OTHER DIOCESES PRESENT DURING THE SITTINGS OF THIS CONVENTION.

The Rt. Rev. J. C. Talbot, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Indiana.
The Rev. J. L. Gay, Diocese of Indiana.
" Wm. Henderson, Diocese of Iowa.
" Geo. N. James, Diocese of Michigan.
" S. F. Jarvis, Diocese of Connecticut.
" Wm. Lusk, Jr., Diocese of Michigan.
" G. J. Magill, Diocese of Indiana.
" J. G. Smith, Diocese of Wisconsin.
" G. P. Waldo, Diocese of Western New York.
" J. H. Waterbury, Diocese of Western New York.
" E. B. Welles, Diocese of Minnesota.
" John Wilkinson, Diocese of Wisconsin.

List of Parishes

ENTITLED TO REPRESENTATION IN THIS CONVENTION, WITH THE NAMES OF LAY DELEGATES.

Delegates marked thus * were absent, or were not heard to answer to their names.

St. John's,	Algonquin,	James Kee.
St. Paul's,	Alton,	David S. Dutro, *J. W. Schweppe, *M. M. Dutro.
Trinity,	Aurora,	Samuel Hoyles.
Trinity,	Belvidere,	Nijah Hotchkiss, *Geo. M. Peal, *Henry Pineger.
Redeemer,	Cairo,	H. H. Candee, H. Wardner, M. D., W. W. Thornton.
St. Paul's,	Carlinville,	*M. H. Head, M. D., *James McIntyre, *Fred. L. Matthews, M. D.
St. Mark's,	Chester,	*R. B. Servant, *Charles Sanders, *Wm. R. Marlin.
Ascension,	Chicago,	J. L. Watson, J. H. Batton, Thos. Condell.
Atonement,	Chicago,	Reuben Taylor, J. J. White, *Charles Morris.
Calvary,	Chicago,	Henry Pilcher, S. M. Hunt, Sr., C. H. Roberts.

Epiphany,	Chicago,	D. W. Page, Geo. Gardner, Chas. E. Chase.
Grace,	Chicago,	*W. J. Barney, Henry C. Ranney, L. B. Otis.
Our Saviour,	Chicago,	Franklin Hatheway, C. P. Buckingham.
St. Ansgarius',	Chicago,	John M. Shonbeck, Gustav Bredberg, A. Larson.
St. James',	Chicago,	Thomas Wheeler, M. D., Daniel Goodwin, Jr., John P. McGregor.
St. John's,	Chicago,	*Job Carpenter, C. H. Jordan, E. J. Hill.
St. Mark's,	Chicago,	Melville W. Fuller, J. Barwick, A. E. Neely.
Trinity,	Chicago,	G. R. Chittenden, *F. P. Fisher, *L. P. Hilliard.
Holy Trinity,	Danville,	Amos S. Williams, A. G. Denney.
St. Luke's,	Dixon,	Franklin Weeks, *James A. Hawley.
St. James',	Dundee,	*C. F. Cleaveland, *A. S. Hollister, George Barnet.
Redeemer,	Elgin,	John F. Beaty, A. E. Bently.
St. Mark's,	Evanston,	Geo. P. Lee, Charles Comstock, *Henry W. Hinsdale.
Calvary,	Farmington,	*F. A. Warner, M. D., Thomas Bell.

St. Andrew's	Farm Ridge	*A. W. Griffith, *R. B. Williams, *B. A. Bigelow.
Christ Church,	Fulton,	F. L. Norton.
Grace,	Galena,	Frederick Stahl, Daniel Le Better, *C. C. P. Hunt.
Christ Church,	Harlem,	John H. S. Quick, *J. Q. Thompson, *Thomas T. Moore.
St. John's,	Henry	*Thomas L. Davis, *John Morgan, Jr., Richard H. Waterfall.
St. Paul's,	Hyde Park,	*Allen Fiske, *W. K. Ackerman, *S. H. Larminie.
Trinity,	Jacksonville,	*I. L. Morrison, *Henry Stryker, Sr., *H. W. Milligan, M. D.
St. Paul's,	Kankakee,	Emory Cobb, William G. Swannell.
St. James',	Lewistown,	S. Corning Judd, E. M. M. Clarke, Thomas R. Walker.
Zion,	Mendon,	*John Lunn, *Eli Banks.
St. John's,	Naperville,	Samuel Gehr, James G. Wright, *T. M. Hibbard.
Christ Church,	Ottawa,	*William Osman, *H. A. Howland.
St. John's,	Peoria,	Samuel Wilkinson, *Richard F. Seabury, *Benjamin Cowell.
St. Paul's,	Peoria	*Matthew Griswold, A. G. Tyng, *O. P. Bissell.

Redeemer,	Princeton,	S. R. Jerome, *Thomas M. Woodruff, *Edward Harris.
St. John's,	Quincy,	*Francis C. Moore, H. A. Williamson, S. C. Sherman.
Christ Church,	Robin's Nest,	*Joseph Mayo, *O. H. White, Cecil Moss.
Trinity,	Rock Island,	Stilman K. W. Fields, *W. B. Grenelle, Richard Crampton.
St. Paul's,	Springfield,	S. H. Treat, R. P. Johnston, George H. Harlow.
Christ Church,	Waukegan,	William Besley, Charles R. Steele, H. B. Steele.
Redeemer,	Wilmington,	*Geo. W. Hayes, James A. Johnson.

JOURNAL.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
September 13th, A. D., 1870.

The Thirty-third Annual Convention of the Diocese of Illinois assembled for Divine Worship in the Cathedral, Chicago, on Tuesday, the 13th day of September, A. D., 1870, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. CHARLES A. GILBERT, Rector of Christ Church, Joliet; the First Lesson read by the Rev. D. W. DRESSER, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlinville, and the Second Lesson by the Rev. S. T. ALLEN, Rector of Trinity Church, Aurora.

The Rev. T. N. MORRISON, D. D., Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Bloomington, said the Creed and concluding Collects.

The Ante-Communion Service was read by the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.

The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. C. P. DORSET, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Chicago, and Canon of the Cathedral.

The Alms at the Offertory were devoted to Diocesan Missions.

The Right Reverend the BISHOP proceeded with the Communion Service, and also administered the Holy Communion to the Clergy, Lay Delegates and Congregation present.

Divine Service having been concluded, the Convention met for organization and business at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Secretary called the names of the Clergy of the Diocese entitled to seats in Convention, in all seventy-eight; of this number forty-seven were present.*

There being a quorum of the Clergy, the list of the Parishes entitled to representation was read. The certificates of the Lay Delegates, were, on call, presented, and referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., Mr. L. B. OTIS, and the SECRETARY.

The Committee reported as correct the entire list.

The Secretary then called the names of the Lay Delegates, when it was found that twenty-four Parishes were represented in Convention.†

There being present a Canonical number of Lay Delegates, thus constituting a quorum of both Orders, the Convention was declared to be duly organized and ready for business.

The "Rules of Order" were then read.

The election of Secretary being next in order, on motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and the Rev. JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES was unanimously re-elected.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, and Mr. GEORGE P. LEE was unanimously re-elected Treasurer.

The Secretary asked for an Assistant, and nominated the Rev. MARCH CHASE. The nomination was, on motion, confirmed.

* A list of the Clergy who attended this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 11.

† A list of the Lay Delegates present during the session of this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Clergymen present not entitled to seats in the Convention, Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to honorary seats in this Convention, and that they be requested to hand their names to the Secretary.*

The BISHOP gave notice that the seats of the East Transept were reserved for this purpose.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

I. ON THE INCORPORATION OF CHURCHES.—The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D., Mr. Emory Cobb, Mr. M. W. Fuller.

II. ON FINANCE.—The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D., Mr. R. P. Johnston, Mr. Samuel Wilkinson.

III. ON PRIVILEGE.—The Rev. G. F. Cushman, D. D., The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D., Mr. S. C. Sherman, Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden.

IV. ON LEGISLATION.—The Rev. Samuel Chase, D. D., The Rev. C. A. Gilbert, The Rev. C. P. Dorset, Mr. S. H. Treat, Mr. L. B. Otis, Mr. H. C. Ranney.

V. ON THE EXTENSION OF THE CHURCH.—The Rev. Edward Sullivan, The Rev. C. S. Abbott, Mr. E. J. Hill, Mr. Samuel Gehr.

VI.—ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—The Rev. W. W. Estabrook, Mr. J. H. S. Quick.

The President also appointed the Inspectors of Election, as follows:

For Standing Committee:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. A. W. Snyder.	The Rev. Brockholst Morgan,
Mr. Geo. H. Harlow.	Mr. Thomas Bell.

For Deputies to General Convention:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. Geo. C. Street,	The Rev. D. W. Dresser,
Mr. F. L. Hatheway.	Mr. Wm. Besley.

* A list of Clergymen from other Dioceses, present at the Convention, is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 12.

For Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois:

CLERICAL VOTES.	LAY VOTES.
The Rev. S. B. Duffield,	The Rev. Henry Safford,
Mr. John F. Beaty.	Mr. J. L. Watson.

On motion, a Committee was appointed on the proper interpretation of Resolution relating to additional assessments, p. 57 Journal of last Convention.

Said committee consisted of:

The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D., Mr. S. H. Treat,
Mr. Samuel Wilkinson.

On motion, the applications of parishes not entitled to seats in this Convention, in consequence of being delinquent in payment of their arrears of Diocesan dues and assessments, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following Parishes made application and were thus referred:

Calvary, Chicago; Trinity, Belvidere; Grace, Galena; Redeemer, Princeton; Redeemer, Elgin; St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; St. Paul's, Warsaw; Grace, Galesburgh; Holy Trinity, Danville; St. John's, Lockport; Redeemer, Wilmington; Grace, Sterling; St. Luke's, Dixon; Trinity, Geneseo.

On motion, the following were added to the Committee on Finance:

Mr. George Gardner, Tolman Wheeler, M. D.

The Committee appointed on the proper interpretation of Resolution regarding additional assessment, (p. 57 Journal of last Convention,) presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to give an interpretation to the Resolution of raising $4,000 additional, by means of "Equalization," for Diocesan purposes, decide that, in their judgment (on account of the reading of said Resolution), they regard it, as it stands in the Conventional Minutes, as absolute in its obligations, and has no reference to the proviso in the previous Canon.

SIDNEY CORBETT, *Chairman.*

Papers of application for admission into union with the Convention, were received from St. John's Church, Henry, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Momence, and referred to the Committee on the Incorporation of Churches.

The Committee reported that the papers of St. John's Church, Henry, were correct, but retained those from Momence for further consideration.

On motion, St. John's Church, Henry, was admitted into union with the Convention.

Miscellaneous Business.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons presented and read a partial Report, by the introduction of the Constitution, with the proposed alterations and amendments.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 7½ o'clock, the BISHOP having given notice that at that time he would read his Annual Address.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP, who, after religious services, proceeded with the reading of his Address.

At its conclusion, after the singing of a Hymn, and the Doxology, with prayers and benediction by the BISHOP, on motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again Wednesday, at nine o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Wednesday, September 14, A. D., 1870.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was begun and continued to the Creed by the Rev. EDWIN COAN, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, and Rural Dean of the Southern Deanry. The Rev. E. H. DOWNING, Rector of Grace Church, Galena, read the Lessons. The Rev. J. H. KNOWLES, Canon of the Cathedral, said the Creed, Collects, and the Litany.

The Convention was then called to order by the President, and the roll called by the Secretary.

The minutes were read and approved.

The certificates of Lay Delegates not present before were called for, presented, and referred to the Committee. Those presented were found correct, and approved. The Lay Delegates answering took their seats.*

The names of members not present on the first day were called. Those answering took their seats.†

The Committee on the Incorporation of Churches requested further time to report on the papers of the Church at Momence.

The Report of the Standing Committee was presented and read, as follows:

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* A list of the Lay Delegates present in this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See pp. 13–16.

† A list of the Clergy who attended this Convention is prefixed to the Journal. See p. 11.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE, FOR THE CONVENTIONAL YEAR 1869-70.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully report as follows:

At the Annual Convention of the Diocese, held in the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul, September 15th, 1869, the Revs. Clinton Locke, D. D.; J H. Rylance, D. D.; E. Sullivan, A. M., and Messrs. A. C. Calkins, Geo. R. Chittenden and H. C. Ranney were elected the Standing Committee.

September 17th, 1869.—The Committee met and organized by the election of the Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., as President, and Mr. H. C. Ranney, as Secretary.

September 30th, 1869.—Signed Testimonials of Frank H. Potts, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

November 16th, 1869.—Signed Testimonials of Adrian Zimmerman, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Henry Niles Pierce, D. D., as Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, etc.

Appropriated $400 of Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund to Rev. Asa Griswold, for purchase of a small homestead; $100 to Rev. C. P. Clark, of Ottawa, and $100 to Rev. B. Hutchins, of Albion.

March 19th, 1870.—Signed Testimonials of Charles Edward Ryder, recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders, with full qualifications.

April 1st, 1870.—Signed Testimonials of Rev. James Nelson Hume, M. D., recommending him to the Bishop as a candidate for Priests' Orders.

June 11th, 1870.—Accepted resignation of the Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D., as a member of the Committee, in consequence of absence in Europe, and elected the Rev. C. P. Dorset to fill the vacancy.

The Rev. E. Sullivan, A. M., was elected President. Testimonials were signed, recommending the Rev. James Nelson Hume, M. D., as worthy to be admitted to the sacred Order of Priests.

Signed Testimonials of Consent to the Consecration of the Rev. William Pinkney, D. D., as Assistant Bishop of Maryland.

Appropriated $300 dollars of Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund to Rev. B. Hutchins, and $100, same fund, to Rev. A. Griswold.

June 13th, 1870.—Received notice from the Bishop of their appointment as the "Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Illinois," during his absence from the United States.

July 7th, 1870.—Signed Testimonials recommending George Henry Higgins to the "Ecclesiastical Authority" as a candidate for Holy Orders.

September 8th, 1870.—Signed Testimonials recommending Theodore Nerm Morrison, Jr., to the Bishop as a candidate for Holy Orders.

E. SULLIVAN, *President.*

HENRY C. RANNEY, *Secretary.*

The Standing Committee, acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, presented the following:

REPORT OF THE "ECCLESIASTICAL AUTHORITY OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS," DURING THE ABSENCE OF THE BISHOP FROM THE UNITED STATES.

The Standing Committee, acting as the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, respectfully report as follows:

June 13th, 1870.—Received notice from the Bishop of their appointment as the "Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese."

July 7th, 1870.—On recommendation of the Standing Committee, admitted George Henry Higgins, of Robin's Nest, Illinois, as a candidate for Holy Orders.

Accepted Letters Dimissory, transferring the Rev. Henry Safford from the Diocese of Michigan.

Received an application for a new Parish at Galva; but opposition being shown, postponed action until the return of the Bishop.

E. SULLIVAN, *President.*

HENRY C. RANNEY, *Secretary.*

The Treasurer presented his report, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Your Committee, appointed to report "unfinished business," beg leave to report the following:

The Report of the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address of 1868, relating to the necessity of making suitable provision for the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergy. Journal, p. 26.

The Report of the Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address, as related to the better support of the Clergy. Journal, p. 58.

The Report of the Committee on Episcopal Residence. Journal, pp. 26 and 32.

Report of the Committee on Constitution and Canons. Journal, pp. 49–51 and 59.

W. W. ESTABROOK, *Chairman.*

The Board of Missions presented and read a Report, which, on motion, was re-committed.

The Committee on Finance presented and read the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE,

To whom were referred the cases of the several Parishes not entitled to representation at this Convention, in consequence of erroneous assessments, etc.

In the case of Grace Church, Galena, which Parish has paid the Canonical Assessment and arrearages from last year, of $6.80, and also the assessment on the actual amount paid in salary of $800, making $32, while they were erroneously assessed by the Committee on $1,200, your Committee recommend the remission of $16, being the amount of erroneous assessment, and that the Parish be admitted to a seat in Convention.

In the case of the Church of the Redeemer, Princeton, the Committee on Equalization assessed it upon the basis of $1,060, while the actual amount paid by the Parish for salary was only $560. Your Committee recommend a remission of $22, and that it be admitted.

In the case of Grace Church, Galesburg, your Committee recommend that it be admitted upon the payment of assessment upon 47 Communicants, though reported as having 75 Communicants, which number was found to be erroneous, the Wardens protesting at the time the Report was made as being erroneous.

In the case of St. John's, Lockport, your Committee recommend a deduction in their case of $36, making the amount due by said Parish on assessments of $95, instead of $131, as reported.

In the case of St. Paul's, Warsaw, which was assessed on $1,000, while the actual amount paid in the Parish was only $500, your Committee recommend the remission of the whole amount assessed.

In the case of Calvary Church, Chicago, the assessment of the Committee was based upon $2,000, as amount of salary, when the actual amount paid was $1,200. Your Committee recommend the remission of $32.

In the case of the Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington, your Committee recommend that upon the payment of $57.11, it be discharged from balance of assessment, and admitted to Convention.

In the case of the Church of Atonement, Chicago, your Committee recommend a remission of $62 in their assessment.

In the case of St. Paul's, Peoria, your Committee recommend the admission of the Parish, upon the payment of $219.

In the case of St. James' Church, Lewistown, your Committee said that the understanding of the Parish was that the provision of 10 per cent. upon the income of the Parish applied to the entire assessments, including that by the Committee on Equalization; and said Parish have paid over that amount, and its Delegates, coming to Convention upon that understanding, would therefore recommend their payment to be accepted, and the Parish admitted to representation in this Convention.

T. N. MORRISON, *Chairman.*

The following was presented, read, and on motion adopted:

Resolved, That the operation of the Resolution on p. 42 of the Journal of the Convention of 1869, be suspended, in so far only as it provides that Parishes still delinquent on the Bonded Debt shall not be admitted to representation in this Convention.

On motion, Grace Church, Galena, was admitted to representation in this Convention, upon the conditions specified in the Report of the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Church of the Redeemer, Princeton, was similarly admitted.

A motion was made to admit Grace Church, Galesburg, as recommended by the Committee, which was lost.

In the case of St. John's Church, Lockport, the following resolution was presented and adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of $36 be remitted to the Parish of St. John's, Lockport, as an expression of the sympathy of this Convention with the Parish in its noble efforts to renew the life and power of the Church in Lockport.

On motion, St. Paul's Church, Warsaw, was admitted, as recommended by the Committee.

Similar motions prevailed in the case of Trinity Church, Geneseo; Calvary, Chicago; St. Luke's, Dixon; Church of the Redeemer, Wilmington; Atonement, Chicago; St. Paul's, Peoria, and St. James', Lewistown.

On motion, St. Ansgarius' Church, Chicago, was admitted to representation.

On motion, the Church of the Redeemer, Elgin, was admitted to representation.

At one o'clock, on motion, the Convention took a recess until two o'clock.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the creation of New Dioceses, within the bounds of the present jurisdiction of Illinois, was referred to a Committee of thirteen, six Clergymen and six Laymen, with the BISHOP at its head.

Said Committee was appointed as follows, and, on motion of the BISHOP, was approved by the Convention:

The Right Reverend the BISHOP,

The Rev. S. Chase, D. D.,	Mr. S. C. Judd,
The Rev. Sidney Corbett,	Mr. Matthew Griswold,
The Rev. F. M. Gregg,	Mr. S. H. Treat,
The Rev. C. S. Abbott,	Mr. I. L. Morrison,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,	Mr. L. B. Otis,
The Rev. T. N. Morrison, D. D.,	Mr. G. P. Lee.

On motion, that portion of the Episcopal Address consisting of obituary notices was referred to a Committee, which was appointed as follows:

The Rev. S. T. Allen,	Mr. J. P. McGregor,
The Rev. Jacob Bredberg,	Mr. J. M. Shonbeck.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the revision of the Authorized Version of the Bible, as proposed in the Province of Canterbury, was referred to a Committee.

Said Committee was appointed, as follows:

The Rev. S. Chase, D. D.,	Mr. H. C. Ranney,
The Rev. E. Sullivan, A. M.,	Mr. A. G. Tyng.
The Rev. G. F. Cushman, D. D.,	

The following bill of costs in the appeal to the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the Cheney case, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance:

The following were the necessary expenses of the appeal to the Supreme Court of Illinois, in the case of Samuel Chase *et al.*, Appellants, *vs.* Charles E. Cheney, Respondent:

1869.				
Sept. 27.	—Paid for Record	$119 75		
Sept. 27.	— " Reporter	10 00		
Feb. 9.	— " Printing Arguments of Messrs. Goudy & Judd	303 50		
Feb. 9.	—Supreme Court Docket Fees	10 00		
1869.		$443 25		
Oct. 28.	—Credit by various subscriptions received of Geo. P. Lee, Treasurer of Fund.		$129 75	
Feb. 9.	—Received of Geo. P. Lee, Treasurer of Fund		74 00	
			$203 75	
	Balance due	$239 50		

The above bills were all paid upon voucher of Mr. Goudy, and the money was advanced in order that the appeal might be perfected.

I respectfully ask that the above balance be refunded to me. In the event of a favorable decision, these costs, with the exception of $10, will be refunded.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13, 1870. W. F. WHITEHOUSE.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons presented and read their Report.

On motion, the Convention took a further recess until eight o'clock.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

A communication was presented and read, from certain parties contesting the seats of certain of the Lay Delegates from the Church of the Atonement, Chicago.

On motion, said communication was referred to the Committee on Privilege.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons resumed the reading of their Report.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again on Thursday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

THIRD DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Thursday, Sept. 16, A. D., 1870.

The Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. F. M. GREGG, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Springfield. The Lessons were read by the Rev. I. L. TOWNSEND, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville, and Rural Dean, Middle Deanry.

The Convention was then called to order by the BISHOP, and the roll called by the Secretary.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was dispensed with, and the same committed to the BISHOP and Secretary for compilation.

The Committee on Finance presented and read the following Report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Treasurer's Report, have examined the same and found it correct.

The Committee, regarding the Report of the Treasurer as of great importance, and considering that some action on the part of this Convention is necessary to render the financial condition of the Diocese more satisfactory and honorable, beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Convention, to be termed a Board of Equalization, whose duty it shall be, within the next seventy days, to apportion the sum of $4,000, the additional amount necessary to be raised during the present year, among the Parishes of the Diocese, according to the pecuniary ability of each; special reference being had to the amount paid in salaries by each Parish during the past year. Said amount to be paid quarterly, and a failure of any Parish to pay its respective quota of above amount, shall bring upon it the Canonical penalties imposed by Canon XIII, for failure to pay Diocesan dues.

Resolved, That the said assessment be made on the entire amount, in excess of $500, paid by Parishes for salaries.

Resolved, That the officers of Parishes be instructed to see that the regular quarterly collections, provided for by Canon, be promptly taken, and the proceeds be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.

Resolved, That this Convention provide for the payment of $1,024, which, while it is not a *debt* against the Missionary Fund, is in justice due the Missionaries appointed by the Missionary Board.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the account of costs in the case of Samuel Chase, *et al.*, *vs.* C. E. Cheney, have examined the same, and found it correct, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese is instructed to pay to Wm. F. Whitehouse, Esq., the sum of two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty cents, out of any moneys in his hands, not otherwise appropriated, the same being for expenses advanced by him in the case of Samuel Chase, *et al.*, Appellants, *vs.* Charles E. Cheney, Appellee, in the Supreme Court of Illinois.

(Signed,) T. N. MORRISON, *Chairman.*

The Resolutions as presented were each severally, on motion, adopted.

On motion, the Board of Equalization, as it existed last year, was re-appointed.

The Committee on Privilege presented the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Privilege have considered the document presented by certain parties from the Church of the Atonement, and claiming seats, and respectfully report that they find in the same nothing that, under our Diocesan Canons, calls for the action of the Convention.

GEO. F. CUSHMAN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on St. Mary's School, Knoxville, presented the following Report and Resolutions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE FOR ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.

The Committee appointed by the last Convention (Journal, page 56) to represent the Diocese in business relations with the School property of Knoxville, would report the following action:

In October, 1869, the indebtedness of the Diocese on this property amounted to $3,050. There was also a mortgage of $1,000 on the property, of which the Rector of the School proposed to relieve the Diocese, if all other indebtedness should be cancelled. The Committee, therefore, appealed by circulars and letters to the Clergy of the Diocese for contributions to the amount of $3,000. Of this amount, $1,050 has been subscribed, and in part paid to the Committee; and is now held by the Committee, awaiting the payment of the remainder, when the final transfer of the property may be effected.

In view of the urgent need of the prompt payment of this whole amount, and to secure the transfer and change of Charter by the coming Legislature, Mr. Chauncey T. Bowen, of Grace Church, Chicago, has

offered to loan the sum needed, taking security for the money on the property. This proposition is acceptable to the present holders of the property, and a formal vote of the Board of Trustees is in the hands of the Committee, by which they agree to mortgage the property to the amount of $3,500, if so much be needed, to close the transaction.

By this arrangement, the original mortgage of $1,000 will need to be included, and in place of cancelling this mortgage, the Rector will become responsible for the payment of interest on the whole amount.

The following estimate is made of the present condition of the indebtedness:

Bill of Furniture, with Interest from April, 1868	$2,300
Note at Bank for Improvements, with Interest	550
Due Mr. Hester, for money advanced	200
Mortgage, with accrued Interest	1,450
	$4,500
Subscribed	$1,050

The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resoutions:

Resolved, That this Convention, on behalf of the Diocese of Illinois, accept the offer of Mr. C. T. Bowen, to loan the money needed to cancel the indebtedness on the School Property in Knoxville, and receive the property, with the encumbrance necessary to effect said loan.

Resolved, That the Convention make some provision by which the whole encumbrance may be cleared in the course of the next three years.

Resolved, That Mr. Geo. P. Lee be appointed to carry out the provisions of the above resolution, and to receive and hold the stock in trust for the Diocese.

C. W. Leffingwell,
S. Corning Judd,
Wm. Hester,
Committee.

The Resolutions appended to the foregoing Report, were each, on motion, severally adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to take in hand the matter referred to in the foregoing Resolutions.

Said Committee was appointed as follows:

Mr. H. C. Ranney, Mr. J. P. McGregor, Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Equalization be increased to five, by the addition of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and E. J. Hill, of Chicago.

The following Resolution was read, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Equalization be authorized to receive applications during the year from those Parishes in arrears to the Diocesan Fund, seeking the remission or modification of such obligations, and that, upon an examination of the grounds and merits of such applications, said Committee be empowered to adjust the financial relations of said Parishes in such wise as they may deem wise and just.

The Committee on the Bonded Debt presented and read their Report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BONDED DEBT.

TO THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS, IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:

The Committee upon Bonded Debt ask leave to report the payment of $1,945.36 upon the Bonded Debt during the past year, leaving a balance of $1,690.06 still unpaid.

This Committee would urge the Parishes in arrears to the Bonded Debt, to make an effort this year to pay this obligation.

The amount remaining unpaid is small. The Parishes in arrears are becoming less and less in number.

This bond has to be paid.

The Parishes which have paid would be treated unjustly, were any of their sister Parishes not to pay their share.

Yet, until this bond is paid, it is a stigma upon the whole Diocese.

Will the few Parishes not yet paid, be willing to allow the responsibility of this stain on the honor of the Diocese of Illinois to rest upon them?

Your Committee earnestly believe that the Parishes in arrears on the Bonded Debt will not longer neglect this matter; that they will exercise prompt energy in the liquidation of this obligation, and that it may be announced at the next Convention of this Diocese, the Bonded Debt has been paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. R. CHITTENDEN,

Sept. 13, 1870. *For Committee.*

On motion, the Committee on the Bonded Debt was continued, with like powers.

The Trustees of the Diocese presented and read the following:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois:

The Trustees of this Diocese have to report no business transactions by the Board during the past year.

Respectfully submitted.

Charles A. Gilbert,
J. H. Rylance,
Chicago, Sept. 13, 1870. Geo. R. Chittenden.

At one o'clock, on motion, the Convention took a recess of an hour.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the Bishop called the Convention to order.

A motion was made and adopted to restrict speeches during the remainder of the Session, to five minutes.

The following Canon, providing for an Apellate Court in the Diocese of Illinois, was presented, and, on motion, adopted:

CANON.

Section 1. The Bishop and Rural Deans of the Diocese shall constitute the Appellate Court of the Diocese, of which the Bishop shall be Presiding Judge. In case of the Bishop's absence from the Diocese, or if for any reason he do not sit, one of the Rural Deans, to be named by the Bishop (or, in his absence from the Diocese, by the Standing Committee), shall act as Presiding Judge. A majority of the members of the Appellate Court shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. The Court shall appoint a Clerk, who shall keep a correct record of their proceedings.

Sec. 2. Any Minister of this Church who has been found guilty upon any proceedings had under Canon XX of this Diocese, may appeal from such verdict and decision to the Appellate Court of the Diocese, by filing with the Bishop his appeal in writing within ten days from the date of such verdict and decision; and such appeal shall set out the decision and specify that the party appeals from the same, or from some part thereof, and what part. The Bishop may extend the time for taking such appeal, by a certificate in writing, but not to exceed ten additional days. Such appeal being taken as herein provided, the Bishop shall not pronounce sentence upon the appellant, under the verdict and decision aforesaid, until and unless the subsequent adjudication or

adjudications in the case shall authorize the same; nor shall the Bishop pass sentence as provided in Section 7 of Canon XX, if an appeal be prayed at the time of the finding and verdict, until the expiration of the time allowed for perfecting such appeal.

SEC. 3. Upon such appeal being filed with the Bishop, he shall certify the appeal, also the original verdict, together with the evidence delivered to him, as provided in Section 7 of Canon XX of this Diocese, to the Appellate Court of the Diocese; and if the Bishop, for any reason, shall determine not to sit as an officiating member of the Appellate Court, he shall transmit such papers to the Rural Dean named to act as Presiding Judge. The Bishop (or, if he do not act, the Presiding Judge,) shall thereupon appoint the time and place for the meeting of the Court to hear such appeal, and shall give notice in writing thereof to the several members of the Court, and also to the appellant and one of the presenters, or to one of the advocates or proctors who appeared for them respectively in the Court below; and he shall also have power, at any time before the convening of the Court, to change such time and place, causing reasonable notice of such change to be given to the members of the Court, and also to the appellant and one of the presenters, or to one of the advocates or proctors who appeared for them respectively in the Court below as aforesaid. After convening, the Court may adjourn from day to day, or from time to time. Less than a quorum may adjourn from day to day. Advocates or proctors shall be allowed on either side, in the Appellate Court, possessing the qualifications prescribed in the fourth section of Canon XX aforesaid.

SEC. 4. The Appellate Court, upon the record in the case, by a majority vote, may reverse the decision of the Court below, in whole or in part, or may modify the sentence proposed to be pronounced, or may reverse the decision, and remand the case to the Court below for a new trial or further proceedings. In all other cases, as well as upon a default of the appellant, the verdict and decision shall be affirmed.

SEC. 5. The decision of the Court shall be indorsed upon or annexed to the appeal; and the same, together with all the papers made use of upon the hearing, shall be transmitted to the Bishop. If the decision be an absolute reversal of the finding of the Court below, the accused shall be discharged. If the decision shall award a new trial, or direct further proceedings in the Court below, the Bishop shall convene such Court, for such new trial or further proceedings, by giving not less than twenty days' notice to the members thereof, and of the time and place of meeting, and shall also give like notice of the time and place of meeting to the accused and one of the presenters, or to one of their respective advocates or proctors, who appeared for them respectively in the Appellate Court; and the new trial or further proceedings shall be had accordingly. In all other cases, the Bishop shall proceed to final decision and judgment, not exceeding in severity the finding of the Court.

SEC. 6. The Bishop, after pronouncing the final decision and sentence in the case, shall transmit all the papers, with a minute of such decision and sentence, to the Secretary of the Standing Committee; whose duty it shall be to record an abstract of the proceedings and the final sentence at length, in a book kept for that purpose.

The Convention continued the discussion of the Report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution and Canons, the result of which was the approval of the following as the amended Constitution of the Diocese of Illinois:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND BOUNDS OF THE DIOCESE.

This Church shall be known and distinguished as the "DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS;" and its bounds shall be those of the State.

ARTICLE II.

ACCEDING TO GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

The Church in the Diocese of Illinois accedes to the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America; and recognizes the authority of the General Convention of the same.

ARTICLE III.

ANNUAL CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. There shall be a Convention of the Church in this Diocese, to be holden on the first Tuesday after second Monday of September, annually, in the Cathedral Church, Chicago, unless a different place be fixed by a preceding Convention.

SEC. 2. In case of the prevalence of an epidemic disease, the Bishop (or, in case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the Standing Committee) shall have power to change the time, or place, or both, of said meeting, at his discretion.

SEC. 3. The mode of giving notice of the meeting of any Convention shall be by a circular addressed to every Clergyman and every Vestry in the Diocese, one month before the time appointed.

ARTICLE IV.

SPECIAL CONVENTIONS.

The Bishop shall have power to call a special Convention. If the Episcopate be vacant, or if the Bishop be incapacitated from acting, the same may be done by the Standing Committee. The time and place shall be designated by the Ecclesiastical Authority calling it. Every Clergyman entitled to a seat, and every Parish in union with this Convention, shall be notified by a circular letter, at least four weeks previous to the time appointed; which letter shall specify the purpose for which said Special Convention is called, and no business shall be transacted at any such meeting other than is stated in the notice.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERS OF CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. The Convention shall be composed of Clergy and Laity.

SEC. 2. Every Clergyman canonically connected with this Diocese, who shall be regularly admitted, and settled in some Church within this Diocese, which is in union with this Convention, or employed as Missionary within its bounds under the direction of the Convention, or of the Bishop of the Diocese, or engaged as President, Professor or Instructor in any College, Incorporated Academy, or General Seminary of Learning within the State, or a Chaplain in the Navy or Army of the United States, or in any Public Institution of the State, shall be entitled to a seat in this Convention: Provided also, that no Clergyman, otherwise entitled to a seat and vote in this Convention, if disabled by age or infirmities from performing the stated functions of the clerical office, shall be divested of such privilege.

SEC. 3. The Lay members shall consist of a delegate or delegates, not exceeding five, from each congregation in the Diocese in union with this Convention. They shall be chosen by the Vestry or Congregation; shall be Communicants and Stated Worshipers in the Parish they represent; and be entitled to vote for Wardens and Vestrymen of the same: Provided always, that no person under ecclesiastical censure or process, whether Clergyman or Layman, shall be allowed a seat in the Convention.

SEC. 4. It is also hereby declared to be the duty of every Clergyman entitled to a seat to attend the meetings of the Convention, and of every Church in union to send one or more delegates. Each Church is required to make suitable provision, by contribution or otherwise, for the expenses of the Minister in fulfilling the above required duty.

ARTICLE VI.

OPENING OF CONVENTION.

Every Convention shall be opened with the celebration of Divine Service, and the administration of the Holy Communion, and a sermon;

and the preacher shall be appointed by the Bishop, unless the Bishop shall himself preach or deliver a charge.

ARTICLE VII.

PRESIDENT OF CONVENTION.

The Bishop presides as Bishop in the Convention, being entitled to every privilege of membership in the body. In the absence of the Bishop, the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, shall preside with like powers. If there be no Bishop, or in case of his absence, and that of the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, a President *pro tem.* shall be elected from among the Presbyters of the Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECRETARY OF THE CONVENTION.

At each annual Convention, a Secretary shall be elected from among the members thereof, who shall continue in office until a successor be appointed. His duty shall be to take minutes of the proceedings, and, when approved, to enter them in a proper book; to preserve the journals and records; to attest the public acts of the body; and faithfully to deliver to his successor all books and papers relating to the concerns of the Convention, which may be in his possession. He shall also give due notice to each minister and vestry of the time and place appointed for the meeting of the succeeding Convention. An Assistant Secretary may also be appointed by the Secretary, with the approval of the Convention. Whenever there shall be a vacancy in the office of Secretary of the Convention, the duties thereof shall devolve upon the Assistant Secretary, if there be one, if not, upon the Secretary of the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE IX.

TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

SECTION 1. At each stated Convention, there shall be elected a Treasurer of the Convention, who shall remain in office until a successor be appointed. It shall be his duty to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Convention, and of which the collection and distribution shall not be otherwise regulated. He shall render his account annually to the Convention, which shall be audited by a Committee acting under its authority. And the Treasurer, *ex officio*, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership, when not a delegate, except that of voting.

SEC. 2. In case the Treasurer die, remove from the Diocese, or is incapable of acting, the Standing Committee shall have power to appoint a Treasurer to act until the next succeeding Convention, who is authorized to receive all moneys, bonds, mortgages, notes, or other property and papers that may be in the treasury at the time of such decease, resignation, removal or incapacity.

ARTICLE X.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The Convention shall elect annually, by the concurrent votes of both orders, a Standing Committee, to consist of three presbyters and three laymen, who shall continue in office until their successors be elected; and when there is no Bishop, or he be incapable of acting, said Standing Committee shall be the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, as in the Canons of the General Convention.

SEC. 2. The said presbyters must be those entitled to seats in the Convention of the Diocese; and the lay members of the Committee must be communicants of the Diocese of Illinois.

SEC. 3, The Committee at their first meeting, shall choose a President from among the clerical members, and a Secretary either clerical or lay. The Secretary shall record their proceedings in a book provided for this purpose: which book and all papers in their hands, relative to the Church, shall be subject to the examination of the Bishop and of the Convention, and a full report of their acts shall be made at each annual meeting of the Convention. Any four of the members (the whole having been summoned) shall be a quorum; except for such purposes as, agreeably to their own rules, may require a larger number. They may make rules of meeting and business, and alter and repeal them from time to time. Vacancies in said Committee, occurring by death or otherwise, shall be supplied by the concurrent vote of the clerical and lay members of the Committee.

SEC. 4. The Standing Committee shall be a council of advice to the Bishop. They shall be summoned on the requisition of the Bishop, whenever he shall wish for their advice. And they may meet of their own accord, and agreeable to their own rules, when they may be disposed to advise the Bishop.

SEC. 5. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, the powers and duties to be performed by the Bishop in matters of discipline, shall be performed by the Standing Committee, except in those cases where such powers and duties are, or may be, specially delegated to, or enjoined upon, the clerical members of said Committee; in which case, such powers and duties shall be exercised by said clerical members alone: Provided, that no sentence shall be pronounced upon a Clergyman but by a Bishop; and that where there is occasion for it, some neighboring Bishop shall be invited to perform the office.

ARTICLE XI.

DEPUTIES TO THE GENERAL CONVENTION.

At every annual Convention, four Clerical and four Lay Deputies shall be elected to represent this Diocese in the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America. The Clerical Deputies shall be presbyters, canonically connected with

the Diocese; and the Lay Deputies shall be communicants in the Diocese of Illinois. In case of a failure or neglect of the Convention to elect Deputies, those already in office shall continue until successors are chosen. At the stated meeting of the Convention next preceding each triennial meeting of the General Convention, there shall, also, be chosen by ballot in the same manner, and with the same qualifications as the other Deputies, four Clergymen and four Laymen as Provisional Deputies, from whom the Bishop shall designate one or more, as the case may be, to supply any deficiency in the representation of the Diocese, which may in any way occur. And the person or persons so designated by the Bishop, being furnished with his certificate thereof, shall have all the power and authority of Deputies duly elected by the Convention. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopate, or inability in the Bishop to act, this designation shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE XII.

TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. Fifteen of the clergy entitled to seats in Convention, and lay delegates from ten of the Parishes entitled to representation, at any time duly assembled, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, except that a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

SEC. 2. In all matters which shall come before the Convention, the clergy and laity shall deliberate in one body; and in voting, the clergy shall vote by individuals and the laity by congregations, the delegation from each church being entitled to one vote and no more, and a majority of votes of the two Orders jointly shall be decisive. On the call of any five entitled to vote, Clergymen or Parishes, the two Orders shall vote separately, and a concurrence of a majority of each Order shall be necessary to constitute a decision.

ARTICLE XIII.

ADMISSION OF NEW PARISHES.

New Parishes may be admitted into union with this Convention, on motion, by a majority of votes, provided they shall have laid before the Convention, through its Secretary, at least one month before the annual meeting of the same, a certificate from the Bishop of the Diocese, or in the event of there being no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he or they approve of the organization of such Parish; also a Constitution, subscribed by the wardens, in which they expressly accede to the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in the Diocese of Illinois; also evidence satisfactory that they are duly incorporated and regularly organized, by the election of two wardens and not less than four vestry-

men nor more than eight; and that the Parish embraces at least six communicants. These facts shall be duly certified by the minister under whose direction the Parish was organized, and by the wardens of the same.

ARTICLE XIV.

FORFEITURE OF PRIVILEGES.

Any Parish may be suspended from the right of representation in the Convention, or its connection with the Diocese wholly dissolved, by a vote of two-thirds of each Order whenever the same shall be deemed necessary; and whenever, in the opinion of the Bishop, any Parish shall be liable to such forfeiture of privilege, or be essentially defunct, he shall signify the same to the Convention, who may proceed forthwith and suspend or dissolve the said Parish as the case may require.

ARTICLE XV.

ELECTION OF A BISHOP.

SECTION 1. The election of a Bishop for this Diocese shall be made only in an annual Convention, or in a special Convention called for the purpose, at least sixty days before the time appointed; the object being stated by notice in writing, and sent by the Secretary of the Standing Committee to every clergyman and vestry of the Diocese.

SEC. 2. The election shall be made in the following manner: The Order of the clergy shall nominate by ballot some fit and qualified clergyman for that Office; and if this nomination be approved by the lay Order voting thereon by ballot, he shall be declared duly elected. If two-thirds of all the clergy, entitled to vote, be present, and two-thirds of all the parishes, entitled to vote, be represented, then a majority of each Order shall determine a choice. Should there not be two-thirds of the clergy and congregations present, then two-thirds of the votes of each Order shall be necessary to determine a choice: Provided, that in all cases of the election of a Bishop, no clergyman shall be entitled to vote (Art. V. notwithstanding), unless he shall have been for at least six months immediately preceding the election, personally and canonically resident in this Diocese, and during that time entitled to a seat in the Convention of the same.

ARTICLE XVI.

OFFICERS.

The election of all Officers provided for in this Constitution shall be by ballot, unless the same be unanimously dispensed with by the Convention; and in the event of a failure or neglect to elect at any Convention, the person or persons already in office shall hold over until successors are regularly appointed.

ARTICLE XVII.

ASSESSMENTS.

This Convention shall have power to raise money by tax or assessment on the churches in union with it, by canon or by special vote, for the necessary and proper expenses of the Diocese represented by them, viz.: for defraying the incidental expenses of the Convention; for the charges of the General Convention; for the support of the Episcopate; for ecclesiastical trials and discipline; or any other demands which from time to time the Convention may approve and direct. The Convention shall also have the right to impose such penalty as they may see fit for the neglect to pay such assessments when imposed.

ARTICLE XVIII.

No Clergyman shall resort to a civil court or tribunal for the purpose of arresting, impeding or avoiding any ecclesiastical procedings against him. The penalty, for any violation of this article, shall be suspension *ipso facto*, from the functions of the Ministry.

ARTICLE XIX.

ALTERATIONS OF THIS CONSTITUTION.

The mode of altering this Constitution shall be as follows: A proposition for amendment shall be introduced in writing and considered in the annual Convention; and, if approved of, shall lie over to the next annual Convention; and if again approved of in that Convention by a majority of the two Orders, voting separately, the change shall take place, and the Constitution so altered shall be valid and obligatory.

ARTICLE XX.

All previous Constitutions of this Convention are hereby annulled and repealed.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution, Article XVIII, was voted on by Orders.

The following Clergymen voted in the affirmative:

The Right Rev. Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D.; The Rev. Messrs. Allen, Arvedson, Chambers, M. Chase, S. Chase, D. D., Coan, Coe, Coleman, Corbett, Cushman, D. D., Dorset, Downing, Dresser, Duffield, Eddy, Estabrook, Glass, Gregg, Gilbert, Goodhue, Guillemont, Heister, Holcomb, Knowles, Leffingwell, W. I. Magill, Osborne, Portmess, Ryall, Snyder, Steel, Street, Sweet, Thayer, Townsend, Williams; in all, thirty-seven.

The following Clergymen voted in the negative:

The Rev. Messrs. Barrow, Bugbee, Jackson, Kelley, D. D., M. Magill, Morgan, Morrison, D. D., Nash, Phillips, Powers, D. D., Rylance, D. D., Sullivan, Thompson; in all, thirteen.

The following Parishes voted in the affirmative:

St. John's, Algonquin; Trinity, Belvidere; Ascension, Chicago; Atonement, Chicago; Calvary, Chicago; Grace, Chicago; Our Saviour, Chicago; St. Ansgarius', Chicago; Trinity, Chicago; St. Luke's, Dixon; St. James', Dundee; Redeemer, Elgin; St. Mark's, Evanston; Calvary, Farmington; Christ, Fulton; Grace, Galena; Christ, Harlem; St. James', Lewistown; St. John's, Naperville; St. John's, Peoria; Redeemer, Princeton; St. John's, Quincy; Christ, Robin's Nest; Christ, Waukegan; in all, twenty-five.

The following Parishes voted in the negative:

Trinty, Aurora; Epiphany, Chicago; St. James', Chicago; St. John's, Chicago; St. Mark's, Chicago; St. Paul's, Kankakee; St. Paul's, Peoria; in all, seven.

The Board of Missions presented and read the following Report, which, on motion, was made the Order of the Day at 7½ o'clock.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS:

The Board would respectfully report that during the year it has held six sessions, at five of which the BISHOP was present and presided.

Seventeen Missionaries have been nominated by the BISHOP and the nomination confirmed by the Board. Fifteen of them have signified their acceptance. The aggregate yearly stipend of those accepting is $4,000.

At a meeting held December 13, 1869, certain rules were adopted for the government of the Board in dispensing stipends during the year, stipulating,

First.—That we were not to be held responsible for any appropriations beyond the amount placed in our hands by means of Missionary Collections.

Second.—Requiring that there should be no dissolution of the connection between the Missionary and his charge during the year, without the consent of the BISHOP.

Third.—That the canonical provisions for quarterly collections be duly complied with on the part of the Missionaries.

Fourth.—For quarterly reports of services, absence, etc.

It is believed that a copy of these rules was sent to every Missionary appointed, and it would be safe to say that not to exceed three of

the fifteen who have accepted, have complied with these rules with reasonable exactness in regard to reports. Five have not reported at all; four only once, and three only twice. From this it necessarily results that the Board cannot state, with accuracy, what has been done by those in the field.

The amount of collections for Diocesan Missions during the year, thus far reported, is $2,600, only 65 per cent. of the amount of stipends named. The amount reported to the Convention of 1868, was over $7,000; to that of 1869, about $4,000. At this rate of decrease, in two years the Missionary work in this Diocese must cease for want of funds to pay stipends, and with the present appearance, the Convention may well anticipate that result.

So far, two facts appear prominently:

First.—The neglect of the Missionaries to govern themselves by the rules laid down by the Board.

Second.—The small amount of funds contributed by the Diocese.

It is believed that the one indicates the direction in which we must look for an explanation of the other.

The meagre support of the Missionaries largely depends upon the quarterly collections, which, in the main, are under the control of the Parochial Clergy. We have reason to believe that the Clergy are blind to the fact of their personal responsibility, and neglect to exert their influence in securing generous contributions to this God given work.

The Laity are best approached and most effectually moved by the Clergy, and it is to their efforts that we must look for such results as will furnish the means to carry on the work, which we doubt not is near the heart of every true Christian.

The Board of Missions are by no means responsible for the extremely small amount raised for Missions during the past year.

The members composing this Board are simply your almoners, and can only distribute what the Church contributes. This we have done to the uttermost farthing.

It must not be overlooked that the Rural Deans, by their reports, give evidence that the system inaugurated two years since, has by no means been a failure, but, on the contrary, is full of promise.

The members composing this Board take the present occasion to urge upon the Clergy and Laity the need of more strenuous exertions in the work of Missions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., Bishop,
SAMUEL CHASE, D. D.,
A. W. SNYDER,
SIDNEY CORBETT,
E. SULLIVAN,
J. H. RYLANCE,
EDWIN COAN,
I. L. TOWNSEND,
F. N. MORRISON.

The Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons, presented and read a proposed Canon, as found on pp. 51–52, Journal of last Convention. It was, on motion, recommitted.

On motion, the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons was continued, and directed to print the Constitution and Canons as proposed, previous to the next Convention.

On motion, the "Rules of Order" were referred to the same Committee.

A petition, praying for the creation of new Dioceses within the present jurisdiction of Illinois was presented, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the same subject.

The following Resolutions were presented, and, on motion, were laid on the table:

Resolved, That the system under which the Missions of this Diocese are administered, is defective and insufficient.

Resolved, That a Committee of four, consisting of two Clergymen and two Laymen, be named by the Convention, whose duty it shall be to consider the whole matter of the Missionary System of the Diocese, and report upon the same at the next annual Convention.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until 8 o'clock P. M.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the BISHOP called the Convention to order.

Diocesan Missions having been made, by previous motion, the Order of the Day for that evening, on motion, the rule of five minute speeches was suspended for the sake of fuller discussion.

The following Resolution was presented, read, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be hereby directed to divert the balance remaining in the Diocesan Fund at the close of the Convention, towards the *pro rata* payment of the balance of the stipulated salaries of the Missionaries, now remaining unpaid for the past year.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Clergy of the Diocese, both Rectors in charge of Parishes, and the Missionaries, be requested to present the subject of Diocesan Missions to their Congregations at the time the Quarterly Collections are required to be taken.

The following Resolution was presented, read, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested not to adopt the *pro rata* arrangement in the payment of the Missionaries.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again Friday, at 9 o'clock A. M.

FOURTH DAY.

THE CATHEDRAL, CHICAGO,
Friday, Sept. 16, A. D., 1870.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer and Litany were said by the Rev. EDWIN COAN, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, and Rural Dean of the Southern Deanry. The Lessons were read by the Rev. W. W. ESTABROOK, Rector of Christ Church, Ottawa.

The Convention was called to order by the BISHOP.

After the calling of the roll, a quorum being present, on motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the same committed to the Right Reverend the Bishop and the Secretary.

The Committee on the Creation of New Dioceses within the present jurisdiction of Illinois, presented and read the following

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the creation of new Dioceses and the increase of the Episcopate, beg leave, after deliberation, to report the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption by the Convention:

Resolved, That two new Dioceses be created within the limits of the Diocese of Illinois, to be bounded substantially as indicated by the Bishop in his Address.

Resolved, That the Gommittee be empowered to take such necessary steps as will bring the whole matter before the next annual Convention for final action, preliminary to that of the next General Convention.

SAMUEL CHASE,
Chairman of Committee.

On motion, the resolutions appended to the foregoing Report, were unanimously adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary cause to be printed one thousand copies of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and send two copies to each of the members of the Convention, and one copy to every ten Communicants in each Parish, and the usual copies to the Bishops, Secretaries of the Convention, and periodicals of the Church; and that he cause to be printed five hundred extra copies of the Bishop's Address in separate pamphlet form; and that every Clergyman in the Diocese be requested to read the same in his pulpit; that the Secretary seek proposals from various printing offices for the printing of the Journal and Bishop's Address, and select from the same at his discretion; and also, that a map of the present Diocese be inserted, showing the bounds of the proposed new Sees.

On motion, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in the Cathedral, Chicago.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That thirty dollars be appropriated to the Sexton of the Cathedral, for his faithful services to the Convention.

The Committee on that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the Revision of the Authorized Version of the Sacred Scriptures, presented and read the following:

REPORT.

The Committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address which discusses the subject of Biblical Revision, beg leave to report:

That they concur most unanimously in the opinions expressed by the Bishop, as to the inexpediency of the Revision of the Authorized Version of the Bible, now being made by the Convocation of Canterbury, and believe that the aspects in which he has presented the subject are sufficiently clear and decisive to secure such action on the part of this Convention as, in conjunction with the respectful remonstrance of other portions of the Anglican Communion, will induce a more matured deliberation by those who have initiated the movement, before they commit themselves irrevocably to the grave issues certain to follow upon its completion.

The grounds of objection resolve themselves mainly into three:

First.—The marked, we will not say studied, exclusiveness of the movement. No official communication has been held with the Episcopal or other eminent Theological and Literary Authorities of any of the sister branches of the Church of Great Britain. Here we find just and reasonable ground of complaint. The Convocation of Canterbury, notwithstanding the acknowledged learning and ability of the divines who compose it, is not co-extensive or synonymous with the Anglican Communion, and therefore, where the consequences involved reach so far in their deep underlying ramifications, and affect so seriously the tenderest and most hallowed associations of both the social and the religious life of English-speaking christendom, we cannot pass over, unnoticed and without protest, this injudicious and certainly unexpected ignoring of that broad domain of added territory, deep piety and varied learning which has been given to the church by her Divine Head, since the appearance of our present Authorized Version.

Second.—The more than questionable orthodoxy of some of the members composing the Commission on Revision. We would not willingly confine within narrower limits than is consistent with a true, large-hearted charity, the latitude justly and necessarily allowable on all open and well controverted points of religious opinion; but we dare not stretch our liberality so far as to accord to a body of men separated from the entire Church Catholic, by their denial of a fundamental tenet of the faith, the right will, in the person of their most eminent representatives, to co-operate in the revision of that Inspired Volume, where the body of truth, which is committed to the keeping of the Church, finds its ultimate source, and every page of which sparkles with the presence of that tenet, as of a glittering golden thread.

Third.—The scantiness, as well as uncertainty, of the expected or attainable result. Will a Bible thus revised, by the sole and exclusive authority of the Convocation of Canterbury, be received as a duly Authorized Verson beyond the narrow limits within which that Con-

vocation exercises jurisdiction? If not, will not the existence of two Versions, each only partially recognized, furnish an endless source of mistake and confusion? Granting the possibility of obviating this difficulty, how much of actual benefit will accrue from the publication of a new and amended Version? A few controverted passages will be rendered more accurately. The sacred text will be purified from acknowledged interpolations; but will any one doctrine of the faith, now universally received, obtain stronger enforcement or clearer elucidation? Nay, more, will not the introduction of this modern Version into our homes and churches communicate such a shock to the religious sympathies and associations of tens of thousands of devout and susceptible minds, as will more than counterbalance even the largest measure of anticipated advantages, by shaking existing confidence, and begetting in its stead inevitable distrust and perplexity?

Moved by these considerations, therefore, your Committee would recommend, for the adoption of Convention, the following Resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the marked exclusiveness of the movement, the more than questionable orthodoxy of some whose co-operation has been formally invited, and the scantiness and uncertainty of the expected benefit, the Revision of the Bible, now being made by the Convocation of Canterbury, is, in the judgment of this Convention, unwise and inexpedient.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. SULLIVAN,
A. S. TYNG,
H. C. RANNEY,
SAMUEL CHASE,
GEO. F. CUSHMAN,

On motion, the Resolution submitted by the Committee was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing Report and Resolution, as appended, be placed in the hands of the Bishop, to be used in such manner as shall, in his judgment, best subserve the interests of the Church.

The following Resolutions were presented, read, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Rectors of Parishes to enforce the observance of the 1st Section of Canon 12, Title 11, of the Digest.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolution, together with the Section of the Canon referred to, be printed upon the cover of the Journal. "Title 11, Canon 12, Section 1: A Communicant, removing from one Parish to another, shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or, if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate, stating that he or she is a Communicant in good standing: and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removed shall not be required to receive him or her as a Communicant, until such letter be produced."

The following Resolution was presented, read, and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered the Rev. Canon Knowles and the Cathedral Choir for the excellent music rendered during the session of this Convention.

On motion, the ballot was unanimously dispensed with for the purpose of electing the following as Standing Committee of the Diocese:

The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A. M.,	Mr. H. C. Ranney,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,	Mr. A. C. Calkins,
The Rev. C. P. Dorset,	Mr. Geo. R. Chittenden.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for Deputies to the General Convention.

Mr. Samuel Wilkinson was appointed Teller on the Clerical Vote, in place of Mr. Hatheway, not then present.

The Rev. Brockholst Morgan was appointed Teller on the Lay Vote, in place of Rev. D. W. Dresser, absent.

Pending the counting of the ballot, on motion, the House took a recess of half an hour.

The hour having arrived for the resumption of business, the House was called to order by the Bishop.

Pending the ballot, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Church families in this city for their kind hospitalities.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the C., B. & Q. R. R.; the C., A. & St. L. R. R.; the C. & N. W. R. W., and the C., R. I. & P. R. R., in consideration of the commutation of fare made to the Lay Delegates.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Obituary, presented and read the following

REPORT AND RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the decease of His Grace, Archbishop Henry Reuterdahl, of Upsal; the Rt. Rev. Carlton Chase, D. D., Bishop of New Hampshire; the Rt. Rev. Jackson Kemper, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of Wisconsin, and the Rev. Asa Griswold, Presbyter of this Diocese, respectfully report the following minutes:

Resolved, That we desire to place on record our hearty concurrence with the Bishop's graceful tribute to these honored servants of God, who, having finished their course, do now rest from their labors; that we note with gratitude their prolonged and distinguished usefulness, and tender our condolence to the portions of the Church, and to the families bereft by their removal.

Resolved, That we are gratified at the allusion by the Bishop to the relations between the Swedish Church and our own, as well as with his kindly appreciation of its late honored and distinguished head; and we beg to express the hope that the great loss to that portion of the Church of Christ may be speedily compensated by a worthy successor.

Resolved, That we desire especially to record our high appreciation of the arduous labors and great services of the late venerable Bishop of Wisconsin—the Apostle of the West—and to declare our veneration for his character in every relation which he held to the Church, and our grief at the loss of one whom the whole Church delighted to honor.

STEPHEN T. ALLEN,
J. BREDBERG,
J. M. SCHONBECK.

The Resolutions were unanimously adopted, the Convention rising to give the vote.

On motion, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Social Recreation, was referred to a Committee, to report at next Convention. Said Committee was appointed as follows:

The Rev. E. Sullivan, A. M.,
The Rev. C. P. Dorset,
The Rev. F. M. Gregg,
Mr. M. W. Fuller,
Mr. H. C. Ranney.

The Inspectors of Election for Deputies to the General Convention then reported the following as having received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and they were therefore declared elected:

The Rev. E. Sullivan, D. D.,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.,
Mr. George P. Lee,
Mr. L. B. Otis,
Mr. S. H. Treat.

One Clerical and one Lay Deputy remaining yet to be chosen, an ineffectual motion was made to suspend the ballot for the purpose of electing the Rev. S. Chase, D. D., and Mr. S. C. Judd.

The ballot again being had, it was found that the following had received a majority of the votes of both Orders, and were declared duly elected:

The Rev. S. Chase, D. D., Mr. S. C. Judd.

The following Resolution was presented, read, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois is in favor of changing the names of the General and Diocesan Conventions to those of General and Diocesan Councils, and that the Deputies of this Diocese to the General Convention are hereby instructed to use their influence and cast their votes in that body accordingly.

On motion, the ballot was dispensed with, for the purpose of electing Trustees of the Diocese. The following were, on motion, proposed and duly elected:

The Rev. C. A. Gilbert,
The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.,
Mr. George R. Chittenden,
Mr. A. C. Calkins,
Mr. C. T. Bowen.

The BISHOP announced to the Convention that he had appointed the Rev. I. L. Townsend, Rector of Trinity Church, Jacksonville, Rural Dean of the Middle Deanry, and the Rev. Edwin Coan, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, Rural Dean of the Southern Deanry.

On motion, both appointments were confirmed by Convention.

On motion, the Committee on the Support of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen was continued, to report at next Convention.

On motion, the following Resolution was referred to that Committee:

WHEREAS, The subject of Clerical Life Insurance has engaged the attention of the Church; and,

WHEREAS, The Clergymen's Mutual Life Insurance League presents a simple, safe and economical instrumentality for the attainment of that object; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention commend the said Clergymen's Mutual Life Insurance League to the favorable consideration of the Clergy and Laity, and suggest that they avail themselves of the advantages it affords.

The Convention next proceeded to ballot for members of the Board of Missions, which resulted in the election of the following:

The Rev. E. Sullivan, A. M.,	Mr. Ambrose Spenser,
The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.,	Mr. Samuel Gehr,
The Rev. C. P. Dorset,	Mr. C. R. Larrabee.

The following Resolution was presented, read, and, on motion, unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The life-growth of the Church largely depends upon the manner of success that may attend her Missionary operations; therefore

Resolved, That this House deeply realizes the responsibility resting upon the Church in this Diocese cordially to sustain the Missionary Board in whatever measures they may, in their judgment, think best to inaugurate, for the more effectual fulfillment of the charge committed to the Church by her Lord as His representative and mystical body in the world, to preach the "Gospel to the poor."

The following Resolution was presented, read and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this house are hereby tendered to the Bishop, for the able discharge of his duties, as such, and that we go hence, returning from this reunion, to our several stations, reassured and strengthened in our zeal for the Church and confidence in our Bishop, by his cogent, learned and fearless exposition, at this interesting session, of the great principles of law and order.

On motion, the minutes were committed to the Right Reverend the Bishop and Secretary, to be duly made up for publication.

On motion, it was then

Resolved, That, after the usual exercises, the Convention adjourn *sine die*.

The Bishop then made a closing Address, the *Gloria in Excelsis* was sung by the Convention, and after prayers and Episcopal Benediction, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

HENRY JOHN WHITEHOUSE,

Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

JOHN HARRIS KNOWLES,

Secretary of Convention.

APPENDIX I.

The Treasurer presented and read his Report, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer, in submitting his Annual Report for the Conventional Year, 1869–70, is again compelled to forego the Tabular Statement, (heretofore with one exception, forming a portion of the same), on account of the delay on the part of Parish Officers in making their returns. For this cause, again the Report must be meagre in its character.

THE RECEIPTS for the year now closed have amounted to $10,221.77, and are from the following sources:

DIOCESAN FUND.

Assessment, 1867–8	$ 74 28		
" 1868–9	1,978 42		
" 1869–70	2,654 46	—$4,707	16

BONDED DEBT FUND.

In Cash	$1,975 36		
" to apply on Notes	13 50		
	$1,988 86		
" Bills Receivable $620 09			
Less paid on same 13 20	606 59		
		$2,595	45

MISSIONARY FUND.

Voluntary Contributions	$2,608 41		
Designated "	123 42	$2,731	83
		$10,034	44
Add balance brought forward from last year, from Missionary Fund	$194 38		
Less bal.; same time against Diocesan Fund.	7 05—	187	33
And the sum of		$10,221	77

represents the total amount of funds in hand during the year.

THE EXPENDITURES have been as follows:

Episcopal Salary	$2,909 49		
Secretary's " in full	150 00		
Ass't Treasurer's Salary, in full	125 00		
		$3,184 49	
Missionary Stipends		2,894 21	
Bonded Debt, Principal	$1,975 36		
" Interest	212 92		
		$2,188 28	
Contingent Expenses		1,343 39	
Designated Contributions		236 42	
			$10,121 84
Total Payments			9,846 79
And leaving a nominal balance of			$374 98

But, as a part of the amount received is in Notes, not yet matured, being $606.59, the result shows an overpayment by the Treasurer of $231.61.

The Statement, divided up into the different Funds, shows as follows:

Am't received for Diocesan Fund,			$4,707 16
10 per cent. transferred to Contingent Fund, as provided by Canon.	$ 470 72		
Further transfer to pay current expenses	1,400 14		
		$1,870 86	
Amount overpayment on this account last year		7 05	
Am't paid on Episcopal Salary		2,909 49	
Amount overpaying the account by	$80 14		$4,787 40
Amount received for Missionary Fund		$2,731 83	
Balance from old account		194 38	
			$2,926 21
Paid Designated Contributions		$ 236 42	
Various Missionaries, on acc't their Stipends,		2,894 21	
			$3,130 63
And overpaying the account	$204 42		

Amount received for BONDED DEBT FUND:

In Cash on account that indebtedness	$1,975 36	
In Cash on account of Notes given for same.	13 50	
	$1,988 86	
In Bills Receivable given for same account, $620.09; less paid, 13.50	606 59	
		$2,595 45

Paid on account Principal of Debt.....	$1,975 36	
Notes on hand, not matured.....	606 59	
Balance of account.....	13 50	
		$2,595 15
Amount received for Contingent Fund, by absorption from Diocesan Fund.....		1,595 86
Paid various Contingent Expenses.....	$1,243 63	
Paid 3 years' Sinking Fund, not heretofore charged off....	312 78	
		1,556 41
And leaving balance of.....		$39 45

The balances standing to the debit or credit of each of these different funds is caused by want of care in closing them, that in turn caused by want of time, from the dilatory action of the Parishes. The balance should all have been thrown into one account. Greater minuteness will be found in a detailed cash statement, accompanying and forming a part of this Report.

From the foregoing general statement it will be seen that all of the different funds fall short of meeting the payments laid upon them, and we have again arrived at the time when debts are beginning to accrue upon the obligatory as well as upon the voluntary funds.

These facts show in this wise:

DIOCESAN FUND.

Episcopal Salary.....	$5,000 00
Amount paid on same.....	2,909 49
Still due.....	$2,090 51

Or about 60 per cent. of the amount paid.

MISSIONARY FUND.

Stipends granted to fifteen Missionaries at the aggregate rate of $4,000 per annum; but practically, owing to the fractions of the year in some of them, the aggregate Stipends amount to.....	$3,918 75
Amount paid on same.....	2,894 21
Still due.....	$1,024 54

averaging about 72 per cent. paid; though to those serving the full year the real payment is 71 per cent.

Bonded Debt stated last year at.....	$3,665 42
Amount paid on same.....	1,975 36
Still due.....	$1,690 06

making about 51 per cent. of the amount paid; in addition to which, however, there are holden $606 in Notes, to apply as they mature.

The Contingent Fund pays its own indebtedness, because the Treasurer is compelled to appropriate from other funds an amount sufficient for that purpose, in order that contracts and purchases from and with outside parties may be met, so that the necessary work may go on.

It has been a hard year, financially, with most of the Parishes in the Diocese. The Diocesan calls have been heavier upon them than at any time before; but it must be said, that after all allowances made, the officers of the Parishes do not, as a rule, enter into the matter of meeting their Diocesan liabilities with a will. There is, manifestly, a lack of that heartiness and determination which is requisite for success, and that forecasting of their financial business arrangements that is always adjudged necessary in all other business transactions. Indeed, it can hardly be called uncharitable to state that, as a rule, the Wardens and Vestrymen are not, as such, honest and true men. They shirk this financial duty, and throw upon the Clergyman ministering to them the altogether improper duty of raising the funds to pay their Diocesan dues; whereas, by Canon —, as well as by all reason and all sense of Christian duty and courtesy, this matter lies wholly with and upon them, and should never be assumed by the Rector.

The shortage now presenting itself again, for the first time in three years — in the obligatory fund as well as the voluntary — and the consequent result of a large minority lay representation of the Parishes, may well cause the Convention to consider whether entirely new legislation is not immediately required to raise the necessary funds for the minimum of Diocesan work, and also to perpetuate the existence of the Annual Conventions.

There is reason to judge that the plan of raising the additional sum required by assessment, inaugurated at last session, and known as the "Committee on Equalization," meets with considerable dislike; and there seems to prevail a great deal of ignorance as to the necessity for the existence of such a committee and the rule of action adopted by them. Quite persistent attempts, however, have been made, both by the Committee and by the Treasurer, during the year, to thoroughly inform the Parishes as to the reason and mode of action, and the local result to each Parish, and this early in the year, so that, at the annual election of Officers on Easter Monday, the whole matter of Diocesan dues might be taken up and provided for. Results, however, would seem to indicate that only in exceptional cases was this done. The great majority of Parishes have deferred it until the close of the Conventional Year, and either succeeded in paying up by a forced contribution upon their people, or by desponding of success in such an attempt, by doing nothing, and, practically, seceeding from the Convention. The whole matter calls for grave consideration, both here in Convention and at home in the Parish.

In the way of expenditure, $7,500 per annum will abundantly pay the necessary expenses of the Diocese, to which should be added at least as much more for Missionary work. $15,000 per annum does

not seem a large sum for the Diocesan Church to raise. More than one Parish within her borders spends, annually, as much, or nearly so, to carry on its comparatively contracted operations, and yet esteems it not a waste, but a duty. How then, in our collective capacity, can we dare to offer unto God the niggardly pittance, and that grudgingly and unthankfully, and hope for His acceptance and blessing?

There are a large number of names of Parishes upon the Parochial list which are either wholly unable or unwilling to pay any proportion of Diocesan liabilities. Their retention only helps to swell our reputed number of Parishes and falsify all our financial estimates and results. *Sometime* the question must be met: What is to be the relation of a Parish that wholly omits to sustain its share of the monetary obligations of the Diocese and forfeits its representation and union with the Convention?

There are nominal assets, as follows:

Due on Assessment of 1867–68	$ 447	80
" " 1868–69	1,078	07
" " 1869–70	6,878	10
Bonded Debt	9,499	49
Making a total of	$17,903	46

What the cash value of this amount may be it is impossible to tell. Fifty per cent. may be considered as, perhaps, a fair valuation; though if any error, probably it is an excessive valuation. To determine it, it first needs that there should be a close examination of the Parochial list, and the removal of many extinct names, and the transfer of quite many others to a Mission Station list, relieved from a taxation which they seldom or ever pay.

The existing debts are:

Balance of Episcopal Salary, 1869–70	$2,090	51
" Missionary Stipends, "	1,024	54
" Bonded Debt Fund,	1,690	06
Total amount	$4,805	11

The Convention will thus see that there is standing upon the Treasurer's books balances sufficient to pay all existing indebtedness, with an amount over of some $13,000. He can do nothing towards settling this large amount or reducing it to a truer expression of values, until the Convention shall first act in the premises. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. P. LEE, *Diocesan Treasurer.*

GEO. P. LEE, *Diocesan Treasurer, in account with Convention of Diocese of Illinois.*

August 31, 1870. CR.

To balance from old account:

Missionary Fund.....$194 38		
Less balance due from Diocese..... 7 05—$	187 33	
To cash received from assessment, 1867–68...	74 28	
" " " " 1868–69...	1,978 42	
" " " " 1869–70...	2,654 46	
Bonded Debt Assessment, cash.....	1,975 36	
" Bills Receivable.....	13 50	
Voluntary contributions.....	2,608 41	
Designated "	123 42	
To Bills Receivable, on account Bonded Debt Assessment, not yet due.....	606 59	

By Cash, paid as follows:

To Missionaries, on account Stipends, 1868–9, being old balance carried over.....	157 71
To paid Missionary Stipends (in part) of 1869–70.....	2,736 50
To paid Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse on account Episcopal Salary, 1869–70.....	2,909 49
To paid Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, on account Bonded Debt, principal.....	1,975 36
To paid Designated Contributions.....	236 42

To paid Contingent Expenses as follows:

Note book.....$	1 00
Expressage at Convention.....	1 50
Wm. Cundel, Cathedral Sexton.....	20 00
Secretary's bill, postage, stationary, and freight.....	18 48
Secretary's bill, posting Journals.....	19 90
Letter paper.....	6 50
Discount on draft.....	25
American Churchman, advertising..	14 40
Addititional assessment, by general convention.....	23 25
Post office stamps and envelopes.....	12 00
Receipt book.....	5 00
Circulars to Parishes.....	8 50
Secretary's Salary, in part.....	100 00
Post office stamps and envelopes.....	3 20
Post office and revenue stamps.....	6 00

Envelopes	2 50			
Post office and revenue stamps	3 50			
Secretary's salary, balance	50 00			
Assistant Treasurer's salary	125 00			
By paid Rounds & James' bill, printing Journal, 1868–69	889 73			
By paid Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, int. on Bonded Debt, to Sept. 1,'70	212 92			
By amount Sinking Fund, 1866–67, 1867–68 and 1868–69, not heretofore charged off	312 78			$1,836 41
By Bills Receivable, not yet matured and on hand				606 59
To amount to balance, carried down		236 71		
		$10,458 48		$10,458 48
By balance brought over				$236 71

NOTE.—During the sitting of Convention, moneys were paid in, which enabled the Treasurer to pay up in full all current Diocesan indebtedness.

GEO. P. LEE, *Treasurer of Trustees of the Diocese of Illinois, in Account with the Convention.*

1870.		DR.		
Aug. 31.	—To balance from old account.....		$581	35
To cash received from various Parishes for Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, viz.:				
1869.				
Nov. 19.	—Atonement.....	Chicago.....	9	00
	Grace.....	Chicago.....	77	00
20.	—St. James'.....	Chicago.....	77	75
22.	—St. James'.....	Chicago.....	2	25
	Cathedral.....	Chicago.....	92	12
	St. John's.....	Chicago.	20	37
24.	—St. Mark's.....	Chicago.....	9	80
	Christ Church.....	Limestone.....	6	55
	St. John's.....	Peoria.....	11	05
	Emmanuel.....	Rockford.....	5	28
	St. Paul's.....	Carlinville.....	7	65
	St. John's.....	Knoxville.....	7	00
	Trinity.....	Jacksonville.....	15	18
	St. Paul's.....	Alton.....	16	50
	St. Paul's.....	Kankakee.....	11	20
25.	—Trinity.....	Aurora.....	2	00
30.	—St. James'.....	Dundee.....	1	30
Dec. 3.	—St. John's.....	Naperville.....	7	70
Jan. 1.	—Christ Church.....	Harlem.....	5	45
	St. John's.....	Quincy.....	37	55
	Christ Church.....	Waukegan.....	7	50
	St. Paul's.....	Springfield.....	39	50
	St. John's.....	Albion.....	5	00
	St. John's.....	Chillicothe.....	1	50
	Christ Church.....	Robins' Nest....	15	00
	Calvary.....	Chicago.....	5	65
	St. Paul's.....	Alton.....	1	00
	St. Luke's.....	Dixon.....	7	60
	Carrollton and Jerseyville Missions.		5	05
	Grace.....	Galesburgh.....	7	10
	Epiphany.....	Chicago.....	21	50
	Trinity.....	Polo.....	3	00
	Zion.....	Freeport.....	13	00
	St. Mark's.....	Geneva.....	2	64
Feb. 8.	—Trinity.....	Rock Island... ..	12	00
	St. Peter's.....	Sycamore.....	5	25
Mar. 16.	—St. Paul's.....	Carlinville.....	7	65
June 25.	—St. Paul's.....	Warsaw.....	9	85
July 14.	—Trinity.....	Belvidere.....	3	50
Aug. 2.	—Redeemer.....	Princeton.....	3	00

1869.	CR.		
Nov.	20.—By paid as per recommendation of Bishop and Standing Com., to—		
	Rev. Asa Griswold.....		400 00
	Rev. C. P. Clark.....		100 00
	Rev. Benj. Hutchins.....		100 00
1870.			
July	11.—By paid additional appropriations, Bishop and Standing Committee:		
	Rev. B. Hutchins.....		300 00
	Rev. Asa Griswold.....		100 00
	14.—By paid premium on exchange.....		15
	By amt. to balance, carried down..		80 19
		$1,080 34	$1,080 34
Aug.	31.—To balance on hand.....	$80 19	

APPENDIX II.

PAROCHIAL AND CLERICAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTETBER, 1870.

The principal statistics contained in the Reports will be found at one view in the Tabular Statement at the end.

SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS.

Reports from Parishes and Stations	102
From Clergymen without cure	5
Whole number of Reports.	107

The comparative inspection of the Table of this year and of the two previous, will give the following results:

	1868.	1869.	1870.
Baptisms—Infants	1,072	975	1,270
Adults	279	236	230
Total	1,351	1,211	1,500
Confirmations	813	750	600
Marriages	366	369	343
Burials	461	508	355
Communicants—Admitted	643	610	530
Received	513	737	627
Removed	385	426	571
Died	55	68	84
Present number..	5,280	5,815	6,032
Sunday Schools—Teachers	880	943	954
Scholars	6,674	6,968	8,086
Contributions—Whole amount.	$111,175.85	$215,473.11	$126,519.00

REPORTS.

Algonquin, St. John's. - - *The Rev. Peter Arvedson.*

Church Wardens—James Kee, William Estergren.

Families, 8; Individuals not thus included, 5; Total of Souls, 48.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Marriages, 3. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Removed, 1.
Present Number, 18.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 4; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 28.
Sermons, 60.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Towards paying indebtedness of the Parish..	$68 00
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $4.15; Diocesan Fund, 18.00. Total.....	22 15
General.—Domestic Missions, $1.00; Foreign Missions, 1.00. Total.....	2 00
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....	$92 15

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

We trust there is in this Parish some more signs of life and growth than at the time of the last Annual Report. The coming year, we hope, will develop more earnest and active Parish life. We have suffered some loss by removal; but have reason to anticipate, shortly, some gains in the same way. A more frequent administration of the Holy Communion is a necessity which I am unable to provide for. To this, no doubt, is partly, perhaps mainly, owing to our low state. Besides officiating regularly on Sundays in my three Parishes, as reported, I have officiated at Blevin Mills, a small village in the north-east corner of McHenry County, eight times during the past year, on week-day evenings, and twice at a District School House, two miles east of Richmond, the terminus of the Fox River Valley Railway. All the services have been remarkably well attended, and seem to have done good. The responses in the Service have been free and hearty, and marked attention to the preaching of the Word. Four children and eight adults have been baptized; and, scattered over that section of country are twelve Communicants, who, however, have no opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, except they go to Wilmot, in Wisconsin, to some eight miles distant. These few sheep, scattered abroad, have shown their appreciation of the Missionaries' labor, among them, by private and public donations, to the amount of $54.00.

PETER ARVEDSON,
Missionary in Charge.

Alton, St. Paul's. - - *The Rev. C. S. Abbott.*

Church Wardens—J. W. Schweppe, M. M. Dutro.

Families, 64; Individuals not thus included, 21; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 21; Adults, 4; Total, 25.
Confirmed, 5. Burials, 10.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Removed, 16; Died, 2.
Present Number, 100.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 15; Total, 19.
Scholars: Male, 97; Female, 146; Total, 243.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 243.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 24; Total, 76.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 59; Total, 108.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 65.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $60.65; Mission Sunday School, 219.51; Sunday School, 107.50; Prayer Books, 16.40; Other objects, exclusive of expenses, about 200.00. Total...$604 06

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $73.95; Diocesan Fund, 180.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 16.50; Bonded Debt, 32.25.
Total..... 302 70

General.—Domestic Missions, $29.80; Foreign Missions, 29.99; Home Missions, for Colored People, 16.30. Total..... 76 09

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$982 85

We have received from Messrs. J. J. & W. H. MITCHELL the promise of a lot, which promise will be fulfilled as soon as a deed for the same can be drawn and signed, in the outskirts of the city, for Mission purposes. It is the intention to endeavor to erect a suitable building at once, for which object a portion of the necessary funds are on hand. When this is done I hope to hold an afternoon Service, in addition to my other duties, and doubt not in a short time it will grow into a Parish.

Aurora, Trinity. - - - *The Rev. Stephen T. Allen.*

Church Wardens—Charles F. Jauriet, Elbridge G. Wheaton.

Families, 90; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 400.
Baptisms—Infants, 9; Adults, 1; Total, 10.
Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 7. Burials, 9.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 8; Removed, 19, Died, 2.
Present Number, 56.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 7; Total, 11.
Scholars: Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 2; Total, 15.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 4; Total, 56.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 28; Other Days, 20; Total, 48.
Sermons, 60. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $50.71; Sunday School, 100.00; Church Building Fund, 6,000.00; Rents, Repairs and Improvements, 225.00; Sundries, 50.00. Total.....$6,425 71

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $108.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 2.00. Total..... 110 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$6,536 71

The Parish has been earnestly engaged in the erection of a new Church, which is enclosed, and is expected to be ready for occupancy before Christmas. It is a cause of regret not to be able to record more done for Missions and other outside work. The fact that there has been so large a draft on us for home improvements, explains, but does not justify the neglect.

The $6,000 to the Church Building Fund is an approximation. It may greatly exceed that, as the amount is being constantly increased. The new Church is a substantial stone structure—the rallying point of a greatly increased Parochial interest, as we trust it will also be of a growing spirituality and vigor.

Belvidere, Trinity, - - - The Rev. John Portmess.

Church Wardens—Nijah Hotchkiss, John Bowley.

Families, 36; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 154.
Baptisms—Infants, 20; Adults, 6; Total 26.
Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 2; Re-admitted, 7; Dropped for long non-communing, 3; Died, 1. Present Number, 47.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 6; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 35; Total, 45.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 8.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12. Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 6; Total, 57.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 12; Total, 60.
Sermons, 108. Lectures and other Addresses, 9.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $22.31; Contingent Expenses, 169.00; Sunday School, 49.50. Total.....$240.81

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $32.25; Diocesan Fund, 55.16; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 3.50. Total..... 90.91

General.—Domestic Missions, $10.00; Foreign Missions, 15.00 Total..... 25.00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$345.56

On the 30th of June, of this present year, Trinity Parish completed its first quarter century, having been organized A. D. 1845. In taking a retrospective view, we have much to be thankful for, having been safely brought, by Providential guidance, through dangers seen and unseen; while, on the other hand, we have cause for shame and deep humiliation, in view of what remains undone, of work for Christ and His Holy Church.

For years there appears no record of Church work, but from what does appear, the following is a brief summary: Received in the Congregation of Christ's flock, by baptism, 175; Re-enlisted as crusading soldiers, by confirmation, 96; Burial service read over the remains of God's elect host, 47; Celebrations of Holy Matrimony, 21. This, to be sure, is a meager record; but of the unwritten history, we may safely trust the day of final reckoning will reveal an amount of good done that will gladden the hearts of the faithful for all the labors and self-denials done and suffered here.

The Parish, though still weak, and depending somewhat upon extraneous aid, is in a healthy condition, and affords ground for encouragement, while we are constrained to say, "What hath God wrought?"

Bloomington, St. Matthew's. - The Rev. T. N. Morrison.

Church Wardens—Goodman Ferre, S. M. Etter.

Families, 85; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 445.
Baptisms—Infants, 11; Adults, 14; Total, 25.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 2. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 8; Received, 7; Removed, 6; Died, 1.
Present Number, 123.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 11; Total, 16.
Scholars: Male, 60; Female, 110; Total, 170.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 170.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 20; Total, 72.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 7; Total, 53.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 112.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $62.30; Parish Indebtedness, 3,400; Sunday School, 150.00; Other Parish Purposes, 450.00. Total.....$4,062 30

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $75.00; Diocesan Fund, 194.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 12.00. Total..... 187 00

General.—Foreign Missions. $15.00; Nashotah, 25.00. Total..... 40 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$4,289 30

Cairo, Redeemer. - - - The Rev. Edwin Coan.

(For five months.)

Church Wardens—W. W. Thornton, H. L. Halliday.

Families, 71; Individuals not thus included, 38; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 7.
Communicants—Received, 11; Removed, 9; Present number, 85.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 20; Total. 25.
Scholars: Total, 165.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6; Catechumens, 150.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 1; Total, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 34; Other Days, 6; Total, 40.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 34; Other Days, 10; Total, 44.
Sermons, 69; Lectures and other Addresses, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$58 03

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$58 03

This Report covers the interval of about five months, dating from the beginning of the present Rectorship. During that period the Church edifice has been enlarged and improved, and the Chancel refurnished, the expenses of which not yet being fully ascertained, will be reported next year.

The envelope system is in successful operation, and the Parish has adopted a financial plan which, I trust, will secure hereafter the utmost promptness and regularity in our remittances for all canonical and general objects.

I have held one Service at Mound City, and several at Villa Ridge.

EDWIN COAN.

Carlinville, St. Paul's, - - The Rev. D. W. Dresser.

Church Wardens—M. H. Head, M. D., James McIntyre.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 30; Total of Souls, 90.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 3. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 4; Removed, 3.
Present Number, 27.
Parish School—Teachers: Male, 1.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 15; Total, 25.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 25; Total, 50.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 4; Total, 51.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 15; Total, 62.
Sermons, 102. Lectures and other Addresses, 6.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Interest on Parsonage debt, etc., $106.78; Incidental expenses, 116.70; In and for the Sunday School, 59.31. Total.....$282.79

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $15.95; Diocesan Fund, 37.60; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 7.65; St. Mary's School, Knoxville, 6 67. Total..... 67.87

General.—Domestic Missions..... 13.53

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$364.19

The Communicants here reported, are those who have *actually* presented themselves at the Holy Table during the year. There are several others who have not done so, and are therefore not here included. With regard to "Catechetical Instruction," the same remarks will apply as in report of last year. The Parish is, in most respects, in healthy condition. Its members, for the most part, seem disposed to contribute freely, both of time and means, according to their ability, and several small improvemnts have been made during the year. But I would respectfully submit that the Diocesan Assessment (which should have been $59.60, instead of $37.60, and was so indeed, though, through a mistake of the Diocesan Treasurer, I did not know it in time,) is *too much* for a feeble and struggling Parish, in which there is only one single wealthy man, and which is scarcely able to walk alone, is *not* able, indeed, so to walk with anything like safety or freedom of action.

Besides the acts above reported, I have also, at the request of the Bishop, spent one Sunday each month, since April, inclusive, at East

St. Louis, where I have administered Communion once, and have baptized 13 children and 1 adult. This is a very important point indeed, where a Clergyman should be placed and retained if possible, at all hazards. Our brethren there are now building a small Church, and have taken the preliminary steps towards organizing a Parish.

I have also, during the past year, officiated at one marriage and one burial at Gillespie, and married one couple at Chesterfield, besides other occasional services at other places.

Carrollton, ——— - *The Rev. Henry G. Perry, A. M.*

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 68.
Baptisms—Infants, 12; Adults, 5; Total, 17.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Received, 5; Died, 1.
Present Number, 19.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Total, 37.
Public Catechetical Instruction—At each Service.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 23; Other Days, 2; Total, 25.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 23; Other Days, 2; Total, 25.
Sermons, 48. Lectures and other Addresses, 3.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $13.40; For Parish Purposes, 100.00; Sunday School Library, Prayer Books, etc., 41.25.

Total	$154 65
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions	3 30
General.—Nashotah	7 65
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS	$165 60

As to confirmations, this year, may be said that the Bishop's appointment to visit was only prevented by prostrating illness. At Carrollton (as at Jerseyville), the present Pastor would add that, besides various much-needed improvements of late, the offer of a very choice building lot has been made for the Church, and the propriety with the view of erecting a House of Prayer is entertained by, as it is urged upon, the people strenuously. The use of like convenient place for public worship on Sundays (alternating Jerseyville) is still granted the Congregation; and, with the properties of sacramental utensils, organ, Sunday school libraries, etc., as provided at considerable outlay last year, enables the Church, through diligence, to keep in active operation her Apostolic instrumentalities for propagating the Divine faith and doctrine of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Chester, St. Mark's. - - - ——— ———

Church Wardens—John L. Edwards, Wm. R. Marlin.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 80.
Baptisms—Infants, 4.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 28.
Sunday School—Teachers, Female, 4.
Scholars, Male, 7; Female, 7; Total, 14.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 29.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 27.
Sermons, 56.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Collections from September to May, $20.10; Collections for repairing the Church, 279.00. Total.....$299.10
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund..... 23.00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... .....$322.10

There being no Minister in St. Mark's Parish, the report is made up partly from the report of last year and partly from the Parish Register. The members of the Church have contributed the amount of $279.00 to the repair of the Church edifice, and I am happy to state that the building is in perfect order, and is in readiness for a new minister. We will be able to pay only $300.00 per annum salary, and, without the aid of the Mission Fund, we cannot expect to obtain a Minister.

JOHN L. EDWARDS,
Senior Warden.

Chesterfield, St. Peter's. - *The Rev. Joseph Adderly.*

Church Wardens—Thomas S. Gelder, Robert Oliver.

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 56.
Baptisms—Infants, 4.
Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 3. Present number, 12.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Scholars, 30.
Public Catechical Instruction—Number Times, 8.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 2; Total, 10.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 24; Other Days, 12; Total, 36.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 48.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $20.00. Total. $70 00
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $12.00; Sunday School Library, 30.00; Assessment of the Parish, 12.00. Total..... 54 00
General.—Domestic Missions..... 3 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$147 00

I have officiated every fifth Sunday at Waverly, baptized one adult, and administered the Holy Communion three times. There is only one individual at Waverly who is able to give anything for the support of a Clergyman.

Besides the above Services, I have officiated at Carlyle every fourth Sunday; administered the Holy Communion to seventeen Communicants. The Church at this place promises to do well. They have rented a hall, and the ladies have fitted it up in a very church-like manner. They have organized a small Sunday School, which numbers about thirty scholars.

If the Missionary Board of the Diocese will aid this place for a time, I have hope they will build up a good and permanent Church.

I have officiated twice at St. Paul's Church, Alton, in exchange with Dean Abbott.

September 13th, 1870.

Chicago, All Saints, - - - The Rev. Jonas Greene.

Church Wardens—B. F. Davison, Edward Goodridge.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 45; Total of Souls, 75.
Confirmed, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 20. Present Number, 25.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 35; Female, 50; Total, 85.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 12.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 12.
Sermons, 22.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $19.50.
Total.....$230 00
General..... 100 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$330 00

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

The Parish of All Saints, derived from the Cathedral Mission of the same name, was organized June 28. Since that period there has been a remarkable progress in attendance at public worship, in the

character of Services, in the Sunday School, and in all other respects connected with the growth and success of the Parish. The very short interval of time intervening between parochial organization and the Diocesan Convention must serve as an excuse for the imperfect character of statistics, as here furnished.

The success which has so far attended us, and for which we humbly thank Divine Providence, must be attributed, under God, to the devotion and energy of the Senior Warden, who has spared neither labor nor time in collecting the means by which the Church has been built and furnished. Where all have done well in connection with the Church that we represent, it is difficult to particularize any as deserving of praise; yet will it not be deemed any injustice by those associated with us in this work, that we have made this acknowledgement of the services of one to whom we owe so much.

I have the honor to report, as services external to parochial work, the following acts during the convention year:

Services, 26; Marriages, 2; Burials, 2.

Very respectfully yours,

JONAS GREENE.

Chicago, Ascension. - - The Rev. C. P. Dorset.

Associate Rector—Rev. G. C. Street.

Church Wardens—J. L. Watson, F. B. Peabody.

Families, 65; Individuals not thus included, 35; Total of Souls, 350.
Baptisms—Infants, 41; Adults, 9; Total, 50.
Confirmed, 38. Marriages, 6. Burials, 16.
Communicants—Admitted, 38; Received, 74; Removed, 42.
Present Number, 150.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 13; Total, 18.
Scholars: Male, 50; Female, 106; Total, 156.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 48; Other Days, 42; Total, 90.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 168; Total, 220.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 212; Total, 264.
Sermons, 115. Lectures and other Addresses, 67.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $126.35; Sunday School Purposes, 151.35; Children's Easter Offerings (for new Font and Altar), 205.00; for Altar Furniture, 250.00; General Purposes, 1,944.11. Total.....$2,276 81

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $15.00; Diocesan Fund, 166.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 6.00. Total..... 187 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.. .....$2,463 81

On the first of January last, the seats in this Church were made free to all, and the result has been all that we anticipated. We have only a plain wooden building, but we try to be thankful for that. We need a Rectory and School House, and indeed our *wants* are far more than our possessions. Still we mean to make the parish *live*, and think we shall succeed.

Chicago, Atonement. - - The Rev. Oscar B. Thayer.

Church Wardens—Reuben Taylor, Robert S. Worthington.

Families, 46; Individuals not thus included, 28; Total of Souls, 210.
Baptisms—Infants, 14; Adults, 3; Total, 17.
Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 3. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 10; Received, 2; Removed, 7.
Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 12; Total, 16.
Scholars: Male, 60; Female, 136; Total, 196.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 196.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 6; Total, 18.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 40; Total, 92.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 54; Total, 106.
Sermons, 104. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $121.65; Christmas Day, 6.95; For Mission Work, 258.20; Improvement on Church Building, 511.00. Total..... **$897 80**

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $37.68; Diocesan Fund, 162.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 9.00; For St. Luke's Hospital, 15.20. Total..... **223 88**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$1,121 68**

Chicago, Calvary. - - - The Rev. A. W. Snyder.

Church Wardens—Henry Pilcher, Edward Simmons.

Families, 46; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 250.
Baptisms—Infants, 18; Adults, 3; Total, 21.
Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 7. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Died, 2. Present Number, 56.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 12; Female, 3; Total, 15.
Scholars: Total, 100.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 10; Total, 25.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 15; Total, 67.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 14; Total, 66.
Sermons, 120. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $65.00; Various Parochial Purposes, 1,800.13; Sunday School Purposes, 97.82.
Total $1,962 95

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $107.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 5.16; Sunday School Offering to St. Luke's Hospital, 13.45.
Total 125.61

General.—Domestic Missions, $7.50; For Nashotah, 11.35; Kemper Hall, 6.32. Total 25.17

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS $2,113 73

The Parish has never been in a more prosperous condition.

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Chicago, Cathedral. The Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D. &c.

Canons—The Rev. J. H. Knowles,
The Rev. G. C. Street.

Families, 300; Total of Souls, estimated, 1,500.
Baptisms—Infants, 45; Adults, 10; Total, 55.
Confirmed, 53. Marriages, 15. Burials, 25.
Communicants—Admitted, 52; Received, 15; Died, 3.
Present Number, 350.
Parish School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 2; Total, 3.
Scholars: Male, 30; Female, 30; Total, 60.
Sunday School—Teachers, 40.
Scholars, 350.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52; Catechumens, 350.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 52; All Holy Days, 17; Total, 69.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 314; Total, 366.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 314; Total, 366.
Sermons, 108. Lectures and Other Addresses, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—General Expenses, exclusive of Clerical Salaries, $2,175.71; Sunday and Day Schools, 544.76; from Sunday School, for Window, $100.00; for Bell Fund, 22.07. Total.....$2,842 54

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $175.08; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 92.12; Theological Education, 375.00; from Sunday School, for Missions, 50.00; St. Luke's Hospital, 50.00; Industrial School, 50.00; Students of Jubilee College, 50.00. Total..... 842 20

General.—Two Scholarships in Salt Lake School, from Cathedral Sunday School, $80.00; To various Missionaries, 100.00. Total..... 180 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$3,864 74

Chicago, Christ Church. - The Rev. Charles E. Cheney.

Church Wardens—E. B. Phillips, Albert Crane.

Families, 400; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total Souls, 1,800.
Baptisms—Infants, 61; Adults, 15; Total, 76.
Confirmed, 41. Marriages, 31. Burials, 31.
Communicants—Admitted, 46; Received, 75; Removed, 40.
Present Number, 340.
Sunday Schools—Teachers: Male, 40; Female, 62; Total, 102.
Scholars: Male, 549; Female, 604; Total, 1,153.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 1; Total, 13.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 19; Total, 71.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 40; Total, 91.
Sermons, 107. Lectures and other Addresses, 55.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $532.11; Easter Offering, 932.46; Sunday School Organ, 100.00; For Mission Sunday School Work, 2,000.00; Other Parochial Objects, 800.00. Total..$4,364 57

General.—Domestic Missions, $40.00; Chicago Bible Society, 52.90; Evangelical Educational Society, 228.75. Total... 321 65

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$4,686 22

Chicago, Epiphany. - - The Rev. Richard F. Sweet.

Church Wardens—D. W. Page, George Gardner.

Families, 74; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 313.
Baptisms—Infants, 18; Adults, 1; Total, 19.
Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 6. Burials, 11.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 23; Removed, 20; Died, 5.
Present Number, 113.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 13; Total, 15.
Scholars: Male, 47; Female, 67; Total, 114.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 114.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total, 15.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 44; Total, 93.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 33; Total, 83.
Sermons, 116. Lectures and other Addresses, 9.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $262.07; Pew Rental, 3,046 88; Collections and other Receipts, 1,514.08; Sunday School, 200,00. Total.....$5,023 03
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $70.91; Diocesan Fund, 198.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 21.50. Total..... 290 41
General.—Foreign Missions..... 48 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$5,361 44

Chicago, Grace. - - The Rev. Clinton Locke, D. D.

Church Wardens—Hibbard Porter, Wm. G. Hibbard.

Families, 250; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total Souls, 1,000.
Baptisms—Infants, 51; Adults, 8; Total, 59.
Confirmed, 26. Marriages, 19. Burials, 17.
Communicants—Admitted, 26; Received, 44; Removed, 38; Died, 3.
Present Number, 300.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 11; Female, 16; Total, 27.
Scholars: Male, 116; Female, 157; Total, 273.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 11; Catechumens, 273.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 18; Other Days, 4; Total, 22.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 51; Other Days, 34; Total, 85.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 25; Total, 73.
Sermons, 100. Lectures and other Addresses, 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $730.61; Sunday School, 625.00; Parish Purposes, 1,013.26; Liquidation Church Debt, 7,652.13. Total.....$10,021 00

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $680.00; Diocesan Fund, 658.00. Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 114.00; Knoxville School, 335.00. Total..... 1,787 00

General.—Domestic and Foreign Missions, $42.56; Theological Education, 300.00; St. Luke's Hospital, 1,900.00; Church at Ellsworth, Kan., 116.50; Church at Hartland, Wis., 100.00; School at Hannibal, Mo., 300.00; Salt Lake Mission, 40.00; Conversion of Jews, 36.15. Total..... 2,835 21

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$14,643 21

The Parish is in every way very flourishing.

CLINTON LOCKE, *Rector.*

The Rector is now in Europe, his absence necessitated by ill health, which, we believe, under God's good providence, is now in a fair way of restoration. During his absence Services have been maintained by the Rev. Prof. Pitts, the Rev. Drs. De Koven, Ashley and Schuyler, and the Bishops of Georgia and Wisconsin.

H. C. RANNEY,
Clerk of Vestry.

Chicago, Our Saviour. - *The Rev. W. F. B. Jackson.*

Church Warden—Franklin Hatheway.

Baptisms—Infants, 7; Adults, 2; Total, 9.
Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 9.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 15; Removed, 7; Died, 1.
Present number, 52.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 5; Total, 10.
Scholars, 70.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 50.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 2; Total, 16.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 16; Total, 68.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 12; Total, 64.
Sermons, 104. Lectures and Other Addresses, 15.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $73.00; Building Fund, Furniture and Incidental Expenses, 4,775.00; for Organ, 500.
Total $5,348 00

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $25.00; Diocesan Fund, 88.00.
Total 113 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS $5,461 00

Since last Convention the Parish has erected a church edifice, and we are now occupying it. Our congregation is steadily increasing, and the very small debt still remaining will probably be defrayed before Easter next. The prospects of the Parish would seem more favorable than those of any other new Parish in the city.

Chicago, St. Ansgarius'. - *The Rev. Jacob Bredberg.*

Church Wardens—John M. Shonbeck, C. W. Anderson.

Families, 162; Individuals not thus included, 122; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 179.
Confirmed, 29. Marriages, 119. Burials, 45.
Communicants—Admitted, 29; Received, 22; Removed, 64; Died, 7.
Present Number, 485.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6. Private, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 4; Total, 56.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 23; Other Days, 4; Total, 27.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion $16 81
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $17.41; Diocesan Fund, 135.00.
Total 52 41

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS $69 22

Chicago, St. James'. - *The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D. D.*

Assistant—The Rev. C. V. Kelly, D. D.

Church Wardens—E. H. Sheldon, C. R. Larrabee.

Families, 170; Individuals not thus included, 120; Total of Souls, 800.
Baptisms—Infants, 41; Adults, 2; Total, 43.
Confirmed, 20. Marriages, 26. Burials, 14.
Communicants—Admitted, 18; Received, 15; Removed, 18; Died, 1.
Present Number, 314.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 15; Female, 18; Total, 33.
Scholars, 280.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 2; Total, 17.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 21; Total, 73.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 12; Total, 64.
Sermons, 90. Lectures and other Addresses, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $1,088.00; Improvement of Church Edifice, 6,893.98; Sunday School, 112.91; For the Poor (in addition to Communion Alms), 155.00. Total... **$8,249 89**

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $170.00; Diocesan Fund, 690.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 80.00; Feeble Parishes, (within the Diocese), 177.60; St. Luke's Hospital, 876.73.
Total..... **1,994 33**

General.—Foreign Missions, $70.46; For a Missionary, $200.00; Feeble Parish, 93.00. Total..... **363 46**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$10,607 68**

Chicago, St. John's. - The Rev. H. N. Powers, D.D.

Church Wardens—Job Carpenter, C. H. Jordan.

Families, 155; Individuals not thus included, 80; Total of Souls, 650.
Baptisms—Infants, 32; Adults, 2; Total, 34.
Confirmed, 17. Marriages, 17. Burials, 21.
Communicants—Admitted, 16; Received, 7; Removed, 28; Died, 1.
Present Number, 190.
Mission Sunday School—Teachers and Officers: Male, 8; Female, 8.
Total, 16.
Scholars: Male, 60; Female, 110; Total, 170.
Home Sunday School—Teachers and Officers: Male, 17; Female, 21.
Total, 38.
Scholars: Male, 130; Female, 225; Total, 355.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 9; Total, 61.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 15; Total, 67.
Sermons, 104. Lectures and other Addresses, 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $158.25; Easter Offering, 300.00; Christmas Collection, 42.07; Home Sunday School Expenses, 450.00; Mission Sunday School, 215.00. Total..$1,165 32

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $747.35; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 35.37; Church at Marseilles, 13.00. Total..... 795 72

General.—Domestic Missions, $28.00; Foreign Missions, 42.00; Education Society, 95.00; St. Luke's Hospital, 80.00; American Bible Society, 58.53; Woman's Home, 25.00; Evangelical Missionary Society, 42.00; Propagation of Christianity among the Jews, 17.40. Total..... 387 99

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$2,349 03

This Parish has suffered for some time for lack of suitable and convenient church accommodations. But the prospect for speedy improvement and greater prosperity is now bright and encouraging. The ground will be broken September 15th for the erection of a spacious and handsome stone edifice, and the work of building will go on immediately. The Parish is very united, and the important undertaking in which we are now engaged will stimulate new interest and effort for the advancement of our Church in this portion of the city.

Chicago, St. Mark's. - *The Rev. Brockholst Morgan.*

Church Wardens—C. T. Bowen, M. W. Fuller.

Families, 45; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 200.
Baptisms—Infants, 20; Adults, 9; Total, 29.
Confirmed, 12. Marriages, 4. Burials, 11.
Communicants—Admitted, 10; Received, 17; Removed, 13; Died, 3.
Present Number, 75.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 7; Female, 8; Total, 15.
Scholars: Male, 40; Female, 60; Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 13; Other Days, 1; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 3; Total, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 50; Total. 97.
Sermons, 94. Lectures and other Addresses, 53.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $40.25; Parish Purposes, 3,817.11. Total.....$3,857 36

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $52.38; Diocesan Fund, 115.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 9.80. Total..... 177 18

General.—Jews, 3.46; Indian Mission, 11.00. Total. 14 46

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$4,049 00

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR BISHOP:

During the past year, the Divine blessing has rested upon this Parish to so great an extent, that any one acquainted with the once depressed condition of this Church, would scarcely recognize it in its new prosperity. The statistics annexed, speak for the increased growth of the strength of the Church; and, in addition to this, $5,000 of the debt has been paid off by the sale of some Parish property, and the Church building has been greatly beautified and improved in the interior and exterior. Much still remains to be done before the Parish will be in fullest prosperity, and it is my earnest prayer that next year's report will chronicle the fact that St. Mark's is no longer under any financial embarrassments.

Yours, very obediently,

BROCKHOLST MORGAN.

Chicago, St. Stephen's. - - The Rev. March Chase.

Church Wardens—Edward Dansen, John C. McVey.

Families, 85; Individuals not thus included, 60; Total of Souls, 400.
Baptisms—Infants, 34; Adults, 1; Total, 35.
Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 10. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 10; Removed, 15; Died, 3.
Present Number, 124.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 14; Total, 17.
Scholars: Male, 60; Female, 90; Total, 150.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 9.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 1; Total, 16.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 22; Total, 74.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 29; Total, 81.
Sermons, 116. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $73.21; Floating Debts, 282.41; Sunday School, 197.90; Completion of the Church; 800.00; Current Expenses, 495.90. Total.....$1,849 42

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,849 42

The state of the Parish during the past year, and the needed completion of its Church, have rendered it necessary to limit all contributions to Parochial objects. But its present condition promises a better record for the future.

Chicago, Trinity. - *The Rev. Edward Sullivan, A. B.*

Church Warden—W. H. Adams.

Families, 150; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total of Souls, 950.
Baptisms—Infants, 37; Adults, 6; Total, 43.
Confirmed, 25. Marriages, 27. Burials, 21.
Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 4; Removed, 10; Died, 3.
Present Number, 152.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 7; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 34; Female, 25; Total, 59.
Mission Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 11; Female, 20; Total, 31.
Scholars: Male, 200; Female, 247; Total, 447.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Sundays, 16; Other Days, 1; Total, 17.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 15; Total, 61.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 37; Total, 83.
Sermons, 95. Lectures and other Addresses, 38.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $827.00; for Church Improvements, 3,750.67; for Church Debt, 4,589.00; for Sunday Schools, 650.00. Total..... $9,822 67

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $600.00; Diocesan Fund, 545.00; Poor Parishes, 200.00. Total..... 1,345 00

General.—Domestic Missions, $160.00; St. Luke's Hospital, 400.00. Total..... 560 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$11,727 67

TO THE RT. REV. H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D.D., &c.:

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir—The foregoing Report indicates, among other signs of progress in Trinity Church, an increase of more than 100 per cent. in the contributions raised by the congregation for various religious and charitable objects—a fact all the more gratifying in view of the disadvantage under which we still labor, in consequence of the distance of the Church from the great majority of its pew-holders. For this evil, becoming, as it does, more and more aggravated every year, in proportion to the encroachments of business, a remedy must, ere long, be applied; and we trust that when a change of site does, at last, become absolutely necessary, the other city churches will co-operate with us in the object we unanimously desire to accomplish, viz.: the conversion of Trinity Church, not into a warehouse or public music hall, as some propose, but into a *Free Church*, for the central or business portion of the city, for all time to come.

Especially gratifying is it to be able to report that the congrega-

tion is at peace in itself, unagitated by internal partizanship, and growing steadily in its love for a sound, conservative churchmanship, combined with the preaching of simple Evangelic Truth.

I remain, Rt. Rev. and dear Sir, your obedient servant,

EDWARD SULLIVAN.

Chillicothe, St. John's. - - *The Rev. W. Y. Johnson.*

Church Wardens—Solomon Stowell, J. W. Fuller.

Families, 18; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 110.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Marriages, 5. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 14.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars; Male, 20; Female, 45; Total, 65.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 15.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 12; Total, 62.
Sermons, 112. Lectures and other Addresses, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $7.20; Sunday School Library and Papers, 40.00; Cabinet Organ, 90.00; Incidental, 50.00.
Total.....$187 20
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 6 50

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$193 70

Danville, Holy Trinity. - - - - - - -

Church Wardens—J. C. Winslow, A. S. Williams.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 70; Total of Souls, 100.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 5; Total, 10.
Confirmed, 10. Marriages, 2. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Received, 4; Died, 1. Present Number, 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 5; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 40; Total, 60.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 2.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $123.83; New Tower built to Church, 350.00; Sunday School Books and Papers, 35.00; Sundry other purposes, 50.00; Bell in the Tower, 256.00; Sundry other purposes, 224.66. Total.....$1,039 49

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $25.00; Paid on Bonded Debt, 60.00. Total..... 85 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,124 40

This Parish is in a harmonious and flourishing condition, with a steadily growing attendance on Public Worship. We have just completed a tower by the Church, adding much to its beauty and convenience. We have a good two-story brick Parsonage adjoining the Church. The whole Church property is valued at $8,000.

Decatur, St. John's. - - *The Rev. Philip McKim.*

Church Wardens—Cyril Fuller, James Forester.

Families, 47; Individuals not thus included, 9; Total of Souls, 228.
Baptisms—Infants, 3; Adults, 5; Total, 8.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 1. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 9; Received, 8; Removed, 8; Died, 2.
Present Number, 51.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars, about 70.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Catechumens, 70.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10. Private, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 37; Other Days, 34; Total, 71.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 34; Other Days, 52; Total, 86.
Sermons, 73. Lectures and other Addresses, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $31.42; Contingent Expenses, 54.72; Sunday School Purposes, 12.55. Total.....$98 69

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 22 90

General.—Domestic Missions..... 24 65

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$146 24

The above report covers a period of the Conventional Year of but eight months, the balance of the year having been spent as Rector of St. James' Church, Lewistown. Regular Services have been sustained twice every Lord's Day in this Parish since the first Sunday in January last. In addition to these, the Festivals and Fasts, now, with a

Wednesday afternoon Litany Service, have been regularly celebrated with profit, it is believed. The Lenten Services were largely attended.

The Rector also preached once at the Chapter Meeting in St. John's Church, Knoxville; once at Elmwood; twice in Chicago; three times in the Chapel of Jubilee College; twice in Trinity, Onarga; twice in Trinity, Hannibal, Mo.; twice in the Chapel of St. Paul's College, Palmyra, Mo.; read the Service five times, and preached twice for the Rev. Dr. Schuyler, Rector Christ Church, St. Louis; said the Service twice, and preached in St. John's Church; and administered the Holy Communion, in private, to a sick friend on Christmas day, who died in two days thereafter, at St. Louis, Mo.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Dixon, St. Luke's. - - *The Rev. W. H. Williams.*

Church Wardens—J. A. Hawley, J. K. Edsall.

Families, 57; Individuals not thus included, 24; Total of Souls, 187.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; Adults, 3; Total, 9.
Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 6. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 14; Removed, 6.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 9; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 60; Total, 85.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 85.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 8; Total, 20.
Private, 4.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 20; Total, 70.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 74; Other Days, 15; Total, 89.
Sermons, 124. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $74.00; Contingent Expenses, 129.94; Parish Purposes, 190.50; Donations to Poor, 20.50. Total $414 94

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $57.95; Diocesan Fund, 105.30; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 9.60. Total..... 172 85

General.—Domestic Missions 21 77

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $609 56

The Parish was never more prosperous. I have subscribed six thousand dollars toward the erection of the new Church.

I have given, as heretofore, one-half day service at Grand Detour, when the weather would permit. [For detail, see report of Grand Detour.]

Dundee, St. James'. - - *The Rev. Peter Arvedson.*

Baptisms—Infants, 1; Adults, 1; Total, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Received, 2; Removed, 2.
Present Number, 28.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 2.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 28; Other Days, 3; Total, 31.
Lay Reading, 24.
Sermons, 31.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $3.95; towards purchase of Organ, 69.00; Weekly Collection for current expenses, light, fuel, etc., 33.86. Total.....$106 81

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $7.25; Diocesan Fund, 27.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 1.30. Total..... 35 55

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... $142 36

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

This Parish has, in a measure, met the hopeful anticipations of growth in life and work, expressed in last year's report. If unforeseen circumstances had not prevented the intended visitation of the Bishop, we should have been enabled to report a small increase of Communicants by confirmation. Among our members, there seems to be manifested a growing sense of the necessity of "working together" by word and work, and also an increased realization of the duty resting upon each one, according to ability, to sustain the ministrations of the Church, both as respect the House of God, and "the offices thereof;" and also as regards the servant of Christ, set to minister among them. Taking into consideration that not one of our few members is wealthy, we trust it may be said of them, they have done what they could. By the grace of our God, we hope, in the future, to see an equal willingness and greater ability to do.

PETER ARVEDSON,
Missionary in Charge.

Effingham, ——— - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 6; Individuals not thus included, 21; Total of Souls, 47.
Baptisms—Infants, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 11; Died, 1. Present Number, 11.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 6.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 6.
Sermons, 12. Lectures and other Addresses, 3.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $5.40; For Books, 10.00. Total.....$15 40

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$15 40

I have introduced the Service of the Church, for the first time, at this place. The congregation is good, and greatly desire the organization of a Parish, which will be carried into effect.

Elgin, Redeemer. - - - *The Rev. George Wallace.*

Church Wardens—John F. Beaty, Robert Vasey.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 130.
Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 4. Present Number, 30.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 1; Total, 3.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 19; Total, 29.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 3; Total, 53.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 10; Total, 60.
Sermons, 113. Lectures and other Addresses, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $10.09; Rent of Hall, 200.00; Contingent Expenses, 70.00; Fuel, 12.00. Total. .$292 09
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund..... 35 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$327 09

The present Rector entered upon his duties on the first Sunday in August. The Parish has been without a Rector for nearly four years. During that time the Services have been faithfully and ably maintained by the Senior Warden, acting as Lay Reader. The Parish has, as yet, no church building. Services are held in a hall, which is neatly fitted up for that purpose. It is already too small for the congregation, and it is therefore hoped that the Lord will put it into the hearts of His servants to erect a house to His name. The prospects of the Church in this growing town are certainly very encouraging.

In his parochial visiting the Rector has already found a number of persons who are communicants of the Church, but not yet identified with the Parish, and not reported as such. There are also many families in the town who are interested in our prosperity, and would, doubtless, throw in their lot with us if we had a church building.

GEORGE WALLACE, *Rector.*

Evanston, St. Mark's. - *The Rev. Alfred J. Barrow.*

Church Wardens—C. Comstock, A. G. Wilder.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 230.
Baptisms—Infants, 4.
Marriages, 3. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Received, 24; Removed, 3; Died, 1.
Present Number, 60.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 5; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 25; Total, 40.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total, 15.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 9; Total, 59.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 19; Total, 69.
Sermons, 100. Lectures and other Addresses, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $21.16; Easter and other Offerings, for new carpet, etc., 78.75; Altar and Lectern Cloth, (special contribution,) 40.00; Ladies' Aid Society, towards painting Church, etc., 304.00; Sunday School, Christmas Festival, etc., 105.64; General purposes, not including Rector's salary, 762,25.
Total.....$1,311 80
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $10.00; Diocesan Fund, 64.00.
Total..... 74 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,385 80

Fairbury, ——— - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Wardens—Moses Osman, Wm. T. Stackpole.

Families, 8; Individuals not thus included, 14; Total of Souls, 34.
Communicants—Present Number, 9.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 4. Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Sermons, 26. Lectures and other Addresses, 3.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $7.90; Record Book, and other books, 18.10; Rent of Public Hall, 10.00. Total..$36 00
General.—Domestic Missions..... 2 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$38 00

The members of the Church are firmly united; the congregation is good, and I am greatly encouraged in my delightful work.

Farmington, Calvary. - - The Rev. Philander Chase.

Church Wardens—William Wilkinson, Lyman Warner.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 60.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Removed, 1.
Present Number, 23.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 7; Female, 9; Total, 16.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6. Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20; Other Days, 2; Total, 22.
Sermons, 47. Lectures and other Addresses, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion	$10 00
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $25.00; Diocesan Fund, 20.00. Total	45 00
General.—Domestic Missions, (Mite Chest)	14 75
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS	$69 75

In making my report of the state of this Parish, I am unable to record any particular progress. The Services have been kept up every Sunday when I was not present, by Lay reading. The teachers of the Sunday School have applied for and received from the Domestic Committee, a number of their mite boxes, and at their first opening were enabled to send $14.75, which came from sources which otherwise would have contributed nothing, and we trust that thus a spirit of self denial and habit of giving systematically may be begun among our Sunday School scholars.

Farm Ridge, St. Andrew's, - The Rev. H. T. Hiester.

Church Wardens—John Yocum, Hiram Jackson.

Families, 16; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 90.
Baptisms—Infants, 1. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 10.
Present Number, 25.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 23; Female, 30; Total, 53.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 7.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 4; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 14.
Sermons, 68.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $44.54; Improvements on Rectory, 51.90. Total.....$ 96 44
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $8.70; Diocesan Fund, 30.00. Total..... 38 70

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$135 14

Freeport, Zion. - The Rev. William John Johnstone.

Church Wardens—Thomas Webster, Daniel S. Brewster.

Families, 73; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 400.
Baptisms—Infants, 9; Adults, 4; Total, 13.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Admitted, 8; Received, 4; Removed, 5; Died, 1.
Present Number, 101.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 12; Total, 16.
Scholars, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 2; Total, 51.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 37; Other Days, 40; Total, 77.
Sermons, 85. Lectures and other Addresses, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $39.24; Easter Offering for Parish Indebtedness, 1,000.00; Sunday School Offerings, 74.60; Christmas Gifts for Children, 68.32; Offering for Sunday School Library, 100.00. Total.....$1,282 16
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $27.91; Diocesan Fund, 28.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 13.00. Total..... 68 91
General.—Missions to Colored..... 4 45

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,355 52

Fulton, Christ Church, - - The Rev. Geo. Gibson.

Church Wardens—C. W. Fecks, Orrin Cowles.

Families, 10; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total of Souls, 56.
Baptisms—Infants, 1. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 15.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 14; Other Days, 27; Total, 51.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 14.
Sermons, 17.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $5.30; Church Fund, 4.46; Prayer Books, 5.00; Offertory, 19.09. Total.....$33 85
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 2 25

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$36 10

In July I commenced Services at Savanna, twenty miles up the river, in Carroll County. Since that time I have kept them up every three weeks, and am greatly encouraged at the interest manifested by the people. I found six communicants there, and, if the work be not broken in upon by removals, no doubt but we shall rejoice soon in church building.

Galena, Grace. - - - - The Rev. E. H. Downing.

Church Wardens—Frederick Stahl, Richard Seal.

Families, 66; Individuals not thus included, 9; Total of Souls, 308.
Baptisms—Infants, 27; Adults, 5; Total, 32.
Confirmed, 18. Marriages, 5. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 17; Received, 2; Removed, 3.
Present Number, 98.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 13; Total, 18.
Scholars: Male, 29; Female, 65; Total, 94.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 2; Total, 12.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 39; Total, 79.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 35; Other Days, 10; Total, 45.
Sermons, 71. Lectures and other Addresses, 9.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $127 33; Weekly Collections and Special Contributions, 183.50; Sunday School Offerings, 60.00; Ladies' Society, 137.25. Total.....$508 08
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $16.20; Diocesan Fund, 114.80. Total..... 131 00
General.—Nashotah, $3.00; St. Stephen's Mission, Boston, (Individual offering), 5.00; Midnight Mission, New York, 5.00. Total..... 13 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$652 08

This Report dates from December 12th, when the present Rector began his ministrations in the Parish. *Two* of the Baptisms and *two* of the Marriages were by the Rev. C. H. SEYMOUR, while the Parish

was vacant. In addition to the above Report the Rector states that he has held Divine Service and preached *eight* times, has baptized *five* children, administered the Holy Communion *once*, and buried *one* person, in the vacant Parish of St. Paul's, Bellevue, Iowa.

Galesburg, Grace. - - *The Rev. Wm. Thompson.*

Church Wardens—Thomas B. Martin, T. E. Coote.

Families, 67; Individuals not thus included, 16.
Baptisms—Infants, 14; Adults, 5; Total, 19.
Confirmed, 24. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 24; Received, 6; Removed, 7.
Present Number, 70.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 7; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 30; Female, 40; Total, 70.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 11; Catechumens, 70.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 3; Total, 14.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 15; Total, 63.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 54; Total, 102.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $5.00; Repairs and Improvements, 775.00. Total.....$780 00
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $17.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 7.00. Total..... 24 00
General.—Ministerial Education..... 30 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$834 00

Geneseo, Trinity. - - - - *The Rev. W. E. Walker.*

Church Wardens—Willis Hinman, J. T. Whitehead.

Families, 31; Individuals not thus included, 17; Total of Souls, 118.
Baptisms—Infants, 15.
Confirmed, 3. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 11; Received, 4; Removed, 5; Died, 2.
Present Number, 38.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 5; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 32; Total, 47.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 20; Catechumens, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 5; Other Days, 1; Total, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 13; Total, 60.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 41; Total, 88.
Sermons, 101. Lectures and other Addresses, 35.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $26.14; For Sunday School, 48.64; For Choir, 10.00; Incidental Expenses, 40.00.
Total.....$124 78
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 11 18
General.—Domestic Missions, $10.00; Foreign Missions, 3.40.
Total..... 13 40

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$149 36

The present Minister entered on the duties of this Parish at the end of October last. For a long time it had been without a Clergyman, and consequently the Lord's fold was much scattered, especially, as Parochial dissensions extensively prevailed. There is at present a brighter prospect. If the people will lay aside their palty differences, and only emulate each other in zeal and good works, it *may*, under the Divine blessing, *grow* to be a tolerably strong Parish. During the year, the Church has been consecrated, and the Congregation and Sunday School enlarged. Great praise is due to some of the ladies of the Parish for their untiring energy in Christ's service, and remarkable kindness to their Minister. If the Church families were more observant of the Church's usages with regard to her Feasts and Fasts, and more careful to uphold and carry out her distinctive teachings, greater good would be effected. This, it is hoped, may yet be done. Financially, there is great improvement, worthy of commendation.

Geneva, St. Mark's. - - -

Church Wardens—B. F. Towner, M. Gasket.

Families, 31; Individuals not thus included, 8; Total of Souls, 112.
Communicants—Present Number, 37.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 8; Female, 12; Total, 20.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 18.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 16.
Sermons, 28. Lay Services, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Church Collections.....$29 82

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$29 82

The foregoing, report from last Easter to this date.

B. F. TOWNER,
Senior Warden.

Gilman, ——— - - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Families, 5; Individuals not thus included, 24; Total of Souls, 49.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Communicants—Received, 1. Present Number, 8.
Holy Communion—Public, Sundays, 4. Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Sermons, 26. Lectures and Other Addresses, 4.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $8.00; paid for use of Hall, 10.00; other expenses, 5.00. Total.....$23 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$23 00

The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL has become the Rector of Trinity Church, Onarga, which is only four miles from Gilman. I have requested the members of the Church at Gilman to go and worship at Onarga. The Rev. Mr. STEEL will preach at Gilman occasionally.

Grand Detour, ——— - *The Rev. Wm. H. Williams.*

Communicants, 10.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 6; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 16; Total, 28.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$4 00
General.—Donations to Missions..... 5 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$9 00

Harlem, Christ Church. - *The Rev. Wm. I. Magill.*

Church Wardens—John S. Quick, John H. S. Quick.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 15; Total of Souls, 142.
Baptisms—Infants, 4. Confirmed, 3. Marriages, 1. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Received, 15; Removed, 3; Died, 1.
Present Number, 55.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 8; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 46; Female, 48; Total, 94.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 42; Catechumens, 94.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 2; Total, 17.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 42; Other Days, 41; Total, 83.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 43; Other Days, 75; Total, 118.
Sermons, 76. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $131.27; Offertory, 794.68; Special, 426.89; Sunday School Offertory, about 161.28; Sunday School Mite Society, 157.35. Total.....$1,671 47

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $25.00; Diocesan Fund, 75.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 5.45. Total..... 105 45

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,776 92

The present Rector took charge of the Parish November 1st, 1869. The Report, with a few exceptions, is the record of work begun at that time and reaching down to the present Convention.

Harvard, Christ Church. - The Rev. Peter Arvedson.

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD:

In this Parish I have officiated 23 Sundays, morning and evening, during the past year. The Services have been held in a very incommodious and uninviting hall, used at other times for any and every purpose. The expectations of growth, entertained in last year's Report, have not been realized. The Services, as perhaps might have been foreseen under such unattractive circumstances, have been attended only by the faithful few; who have, however, in every way, manifested a real interest in the Services, and a willingness, to the full extent of their power, to sustain the Services. In this locality, no permanent footing can be gained for the Church, without a House of Worship. This place being a junction of railroads, might, with ultimate advantage, be now made a Missionary centre, from which to operate at adjacent points. Could a Missionary be located here for such purpose, supported by the Board, I doubt not a strenuous effort would be made by the people to build a House of Worship, and a sure foundation be laid for a permanent Parish here, and aggressive work at adjacent important points.

I have baptized, the past year, four children. The Holy Communion has been administered but once, the Missionary in charge, not being in Priest's Orders, to which may be, in a measure, attributed our indifferent success.

PETER ARVEDSON,
Missionary in Charge.

Henry, St. John's. - - The Rev. Matthew Magill.

Church Wardens—Thomas L. Davis, John Morgan, Jr.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 80.
Baptisms—Adults, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 5. Present Number, 17.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 6; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 24; Female, 32; Total, 56.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10; Catechumens, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 39; Other Days, 3; Total, 42.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 39; Other Days, 17; Total, 56.
Sermons, 98. Lectures and other Addresses, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $30.66; sale of Church Books, 15.95; Organist, and Sunday School Books and Papers, $42.18; from various persons, for sundry purposes, 190.89. Total.... 279 68

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$279 68

This Parish was organized (by consent of the Bishop) last December, 1869, when the present Rector was called. Since then, the Parish has increased in its influence upon the community, many of whom had held very erroneous notions as to the true claims of the Church. These notions and false ideas have been removed, and the Church is steadily growing in the esteem of the religious portion of this community. The Parish is free from debt; the Church building is paid for, and the deed duly made to the Bishop, as Trustee of the Church, and is placed on record. The Church is now ready for consecration. The Rector hopes to be able to present to the Bishop, on his first visit, a class for confirmation. The congregations have been very good, and attentive. The Sunday School is held regularly every Sunday. The seed is being sown, and we are hopeful that, under the Divine blessing, when the harvest time comes, many sheaves will be found gathered from this field. This financial condition of the Parish is weak, having but a few who possess much of this world's wealth.

In addition to the duties performed at Henry, I baptized six children at Peru (that Parish being without a Rector), and buried one adult. These items are duly recorded, and I presume will be reported by the Wardens of that Parish.

I also spent October, 1869, in Canada, visiting children and relatives; was kindly received by several Clergymen of the Church. I read prayers and preached twice in Hamilton, and I also read prayers and preached twice at Brantford.

Hyde Park, St. Paul's. - *The Rev. Geo. F. Bugbee.*

Church Wardens—Allen Fisk, W. K. Ackerman.

Families, 45; Total of Souls, about 225.
Baptisms—Infants, 12; Adults, 1; Total, 13.
Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 1; Received, 20; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 45.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 4; Total, 10.
Scholars, 60.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 7; Total, 56.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 6; Total, 56.
Sermons, 92. Lectures and other Addresses, 13.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—By collections, subscriptions, etc.....**$2,015 00**
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $23.00; Diocesan Fund, 82.00.
Total..... **105 00**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$2,120 00**

During the year a very fine and attractive Rectory has been erected, at a cost of $6,000. The Parish now has a church property valued at about $30,000, which has been gathered in about the space of two years, and upon which there is a bonded debt of $10,000, that runs for five years. There is, unquestionably, a prosperous future for this young enterprise. The growth of the last year has been considerable.

Jacksonville, Trinity. - - *The Rev. I. L. Townsend.*

Church Wardens—Henry Stryker, Isaac L. Morrison.

Families, 65; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 13.
Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 4. Burials, 10.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 7; Dropped, or not found, 4;
Removed, 6; Died, 4. Present Number, 102.
Sunday School—Teachers and Officers: Male, 4; Female, 9; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 26; Female, 43; Total, 69.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 9.
Holy Communion—Sundays, 13; Other Days, 2; Total, 15.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 50; Total, 102.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 15; Total, 65.
Sermons, 54. Lectures and other Addresses, 30.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $60.45; Sunday School, Christmas Tree, $31.11; Sunday School Library, 15.00; Parish Library, 15.00; Toward Baptismal Font, 164.00. Total... .$285 56

Diocesan.—For Destitute Clergymen, $25.00; Diocesan Missions, 75.01; Diocesan Fund, 194.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 15.18; St. Mary's School, Knoxville, 22.01; St. Andrew's Church, Marseilles, 3.45. Total..... 334 65

General.—Domestic Missions, $20.00; Foreign Missions, 14.20; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, 14.00; Home Missions for Colored People, 9.57; New York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, 10.71; Church in Bolton, Miss., 4.00; Church in Salisbury, Mo., 3.00; Santee Sioux Indian Mission, (per Parish Dorcas Society), 5.00; Nashotah, 10.75; Midnight Mission, N. Y., 7.00; St. Mark's Church, Salt Lake, Utah, (from Sunday School), 12.30. Total.. 110 53

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$730 74

In the Report from this Parish, in 1867, mention is made of the fact that the Church was then being enlarged and improved. As nothing farther has appeared upon the Journal concerning it, I deem it proper to report at the present time. One bay, a chancel proper, and front towers and a spire were added, besides very great alteration and improvement within. It amounted almost to the rebuilding of the Church. The old walls, however, were left—a gratifying fact, when it is remembered that these were the first church walls erected in Illinois. The total cost was $16,796.83. I regret to say that the old parsonage was sold, and the proceeds applied towards payment of the above, and that there still remains a debt of $5,000, which presses like an incubus upon the Parish, and will bar all material progress until it is paid.

A Dorcas Society was organized by the ladies of the Parish, March 2d, 1869. Beside assisting some fellow parishioners, they have made up and sent off five boxes of clothing, to wit: To the Canfield Orphan Asylum, Memphis, Tenn., two boxes; to destitute Clergymen, outside the Diocese, two boxes; to the Santa Sioux Indian Mission, one box. Almost every Parish, one would suppose, might do a similar work, and the aggregate good that might thus be accomplished cannot be estimated.

A beautiful baptismal font of stone is being constructed in New York, from designs by and under the superintendence of Henry M. Congdon, Esq. It will cost $200, and is expected daily.

For other duty done by the Rector of this Parish, reference is made to the Report of the Dean of the Middle Deanry.

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Jerseyville, ——— - *The Rev. Henry G. Perry, A.M.*

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 85.
Baptisms—Infants, 12. Marriages, 3. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 2; Received, 2; Removed, 1; Died, 1.
Present Number, 20.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars, 41.
Public Catechetical Instruction—At each Service.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 1; Total, 12.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 22; Other Days, 3; Total, 25.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 22; Other Days, 2; Total, 24.
Sermons, 49. Lectures and other Addresses, 3.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $11.80; Sunday School, Incidental and General Parish Purposes, 89.10. Total.....$110 90
Diocesan.—Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund..... 5 05
General.—Convocation Purposes..... ..... 5 85

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$121 80

Similar mention, touching confirmation, may be made, that the same was prevented at Jerseyville, as at Carrollton, by the Bishop's sudden illness. Though Episcopal work here is barely begun, among sundry encouraging signs of "Episcopal progress," the offer already obtained by the Pastor (as at Carrollton also,) of a valuable lot for Church building purposes, is prominent. And it remains, apparently, but a question of time for the people, in such case, by unflinching, joint, *generous* effort, under the promised blessing of the Great Head of the Church, to provide a suitable edifice for Divine worship.

In company with the Church at Carrollton, Jerseyville has likewise made several excellent churchly additions to facilities for holding Sunday Services, and for which there is good cause to be thankful.

Joliet, Christ Church. - *The Rev. Charles A. Gilbert.*

Church Wardens—R. P. Denker, D. G. Wells.

Families, 88; Individuals not thus included, 16; Total of Souls, 352.
Baptisms—Infants, 16; Adults, 3; Total, 19.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 5. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 9; Received, 6; Removed, 21; Died, 1.
Present Number, 99.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.

Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 4; Total, 16.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 26; Total, 78.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 23; Total. 71.
Sermons, 117.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $76.15; Church Organ, 249.27; Parish of St. Anne, Kankakee county, 22.38; Parish Purposes, 320.80. Total..... $668 60

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 26 50

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS... $695 10

The Church is being enlarged by the addition of transepts. It is expected that the work will be completed and the Church reopened by the fifteenth of October. In many respects the general condition of the Parish is constantly improving.

In addition to my other duties I have officiated on alternate Sunday afternoons in the Parish Church of "St. Paul's, Manhattan." I have baptized two infants, and administered the Holy Communion once.

Kankakee, St. Paul's. - *The Rev. Duane S. Phillips.*

Church Wardens—William Sibley, Emory Cobb.

Families, 62; Individuals not thus included, 35; Total of Souls, 295.
Baptisms—Infants, 15; Adults, 15; Total, 30.
Confirmed, 22. Marriages, 4. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 21; Received, 13; Removed, 14; Died, 1.
Present Number, 84.
Parish School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 4; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 50; Female, 30; Total, 80.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 5; Female, 9; Total, 14.
Scholars: Male, 68; Female, 83; Total, 151.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 35; Catechumens, 200.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 1; Total, 12.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 18; Total, 66.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 60; Total, 108.
Sermons, 116. Lectures and other Addresses, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $86.82; Current Expenses for Music, 125.00; Sexton, 100.00; Fuel, Insurance, Repairs, etc., 300.00; Sunday School, 205.00. Total.....$816 82

Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $138.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 11.20; aid to St. Andrew's Church, Marseilles, 27.30; aid to Church of Good Shepherd, Momence, 175.00. Total..... 351 50

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,167 32

The Church in Kankakee is united, active and advancing. St. Paul's School continues its usefulness, though with a somewhat smaller number of pupils, owing to the opening of other schools in the place.

I have continued the work at Momence during the past year, and on the 23d of May last, had the gratification of organizing the "Church of the Good Shepherd" in that town. I have baptized four and presented three for confirmation. The number of Communicants is now 25, and of families, 20. The building of the Church edifice is going slowly forward. The field at Momence is a very promising one, but it is worked at great disadvantage from Kankakee. The distance is 13 miles, and no Railroad. It needs a man upon the ground.

Kewanee, St. John's. - The Rev. Thomas B. Fairchild.

Church Wardens—R. P. Parish, E. V. Bronson.

Families, 64; Individuals not thus included, 20.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 4; Total, 8.
Confirmed, 10. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 10; Removed, 3. Present Number, 88.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 6; Total, 9.
Scholars: Total, 110.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Ladies' Society for Church Purposes, $110.00; Charity, 17.50; Repairs, 12.00; Other Expenses, 12.27. Total.$151 77

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 12 03

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$169 80

The Parish has been vacant nearly a year; but, notwithstanding, it has not lost ground. There are now a number who are waiting for confirmation. The Parish has assumed the support of its minister, who has just entered upon his duties, and so is not able to say much about it. He hopes, by a faithful presentation of the truth, and the blessing of God upon his labors, to see the Church built up and numbers added to the Lord. The Report is necessarily very meagre; but a more full one may be expected next year.

T. B. FAIRCHILD, *Rector*.

Knoxville, St. John's. - *The Rev. C. W. Leffingwell.*

Church Wardens—Wm. Hester, John Babington.

Families, 12; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 86.
Baptisms—Infants, 2; Adult, 1; Total, 3.
Confirmed, 4. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Present Number, 20.
Holy Communion—Public, 10. Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 40; Other Days, 3; Total, 43.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 10; Total, 54.
Sermons, 50. Lectures and other Addresses, 50.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Church Debt and Expenses.....$378 00
Diocesan.—Aged Clergy, $7.00; Deanry Expenses, 5.00.
Total..... 12 00
General.—Nashotah, $10.00; Society for Increase of Ministry, 15.00; Church in Mississippi, 7.00; Foreign Missions, 20.00; St. Mary's School, 10.00. Total..... 74 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$452 00

The Church Debt now amounts to about $1,500.

Lewistown, St. James'. - - ——— ———

Church Wardens—E. M. M. Clarke, D. W. C. Bryant.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 102.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 3. Present Number, 26.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 7; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 32; Total, 42.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 18; Catechumens, 36.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 3. Private, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 12.
Sermons, 36.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion..... $6.90.
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund..... 35 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... 41 90

The foregoing Report does not compare favorably with that of the last Conventional year, owing to the vacancy still existing in the

Rectorship of the Parish during the last ten months. From that cause, and from the want of a proper record of those matters about which information is required, the undersigned cannot make an exhibit more complete than that herewith submitted.

The condition of the Parish is believed to be, in all respects, as prosperous as at any time since its organization, and although its material growth has never been rapid, it has yet been steadily increasing. The congregation is small in number and of limited means, but united and harmonious, and presents gratifying indications of the continuance of steady growth.

The number of families and of individuals reported as connected with it, is less than last year, because it is deemed right to consider those, who, without adequate cause, habitually absent themselves from public worship as persons not belonging to the Parish.

The scholars in the Sunday School are less numerous, but the school is prosperous and flourishing under the prudent management of efficient and faithful teachers. The Parish, having a beautiful church edifice that is justly esteemed an ornament to the town, only needs a discreet and somewhat self-denying Pastor to become, in a short time, self-sustaining.

E. M. M. CLARKE,
Senior Warden.

Lee Centre, St. Paul's. - - - *The Rev. T. H. Eddy.*

Church Wardens—Clark E. Loomis, Richard Blake.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 18; Total of Souls, 73.
Baptisms—Infants, 3. Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 1. Present Number, 22.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 1; Total, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 8; Other Days, 1; Total, 9.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 24.
Sermons, 33. Lectures and other Addresses, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $9.65; Expenses, 16.00. Total	$25 65
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions	5 40
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS	$31 05

I have served this rural Parish in connection with Trinity Church, Polo. The congregations have been very much larger than would be indicated by the number accounted as belonging to the Parish; but the pecuniary ability of the little flock is very small, and both numbers and means will be reduced by the removal of four families and five communicants, who soon remove to the west.

Limestone, Christ Church. - The Rev. Philander Chase.

Church Wardens—James Clark, John Pritchard.

Families, 18; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 75.
Baptisms—Infants, 10; Adults, 2; Total, 12.
Burials, 8.
Communicants—Removed, 6; Died, 2. Present Number, 23.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 23; Total, 38.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Sermons, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $18.71; at Semi-monthly Collections, 38.72. Total.....$57 43
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $13.82; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 6.55. Total..... 20 37

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$77 80

This Parish is entirely rural, and, consequently, changes take place slowly. The congregation rely altogether on their crops for their sustenance, and, during the last two years, have suffered by the floods and drouth, so that they have found it difficult to maintain their Parish expenses. The Services have been kept up regularly by Lay Reading, and many young people attend. I cannot but hope that those who acquire the habit of attending our Services when young, in their rural homes, may (if by Providence placed in any of our towns or cities,) still retain their early attachment, and be the means of carrying the good seed in their hearts, to bless others also.

Lockport, St. John's. - - The Rev. William Turner.

Church Wardens—John Griswold, George Mess.

Families, 36; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 177.
Baptisms—Infants, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Received, 1. Present Number, 32.
Sunday School—Teachers: Female, 7.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 35; Total, 50.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 1; Total, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25.
Sermons, 39. Lectures and other Addresses, 11.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $24.47; Church Improvements, 225.00. Total.....$249 47
General.—Domestic Missions..... 15 65

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$265 12

The foregoing Report embraces the period from last Easter Sunday, when I took temporary charge of the Parish. It is not necessary to enter into details respecting the state in which I found it; suffice it to say, that it was *very badly prostrated.* I found the Church building in a dilapidated and uncomfortable condition. Within a few weeks after entering upon my work, it was shingled, painted and papered; the fence put in order, and the Church lot otherwise improved. A handsome chandelier, and side lamps to correspond, were also added, and regular evening Service instituted. Shortly after these improvements had been made, it became apparent that a larger place of worship was required. Accordingly a Parish meeting was held on Monday evening, July 11th, presided over by the Rev. SAMUEL COWELL, one of its former Rectors. The result of this mutual consultation was the adoption of resolutions to proceed at once to the erection of a new edifice, and the election of a "Building Committee," who were authorized to solicit subscriptions and donations. The result has been—the removal of the old building to the rear of the lot, and the foundation of the new one now being laid, and the decision of the Building Committee to have the corner stone laid on Tuesday afternoon, the 20th inst. We feel that God's blessing has attended our humble efforts, and to Him be all the praise. Amen.

WILLIAM TURNER.

Lockport, Sept. 12th, 1870.

Marengo, Advent. - - - - *The. Rev. John Cauch.*

Baptisms—Infants, 2.

I regret that I cannot report an improvement in the condition of this Parish. There has been no public Services during the past conventional year. All my ministerial services are included in two Infant Baptisms. During the year, I have read prayers and preached six times in Trinity Church, Belvidere, by request of the Rector and Vestry of that Parish.

Marseilles, St. Andrew's. - The Rev. Erastus De Wolf.

Church Wardens—Wm. C. Tillson, Wm. West.

Families, 23; Individuals not thus included, 6; Total of Souls, 107.
Baptisms—Infants, 5.
Confirmed, 5, Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 9; Removed, 3.
Present Number, 36.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 15; Female, 20; Total, 35.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10. Other Days, 3. Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 12; Total, 64.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 40; Total, 84.
Sermons, 106. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—In aid of Rectory Fund, $341.60; in aid of Rectory Furnishing, 125.00. Total..... **$466 60**

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $10.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 3.50. Total..... **13 50**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS..... **$479 50**

While, doubtless, with our brethren of the same household of faith everywhere, we have had many embarrassments and discouragements, both as regards things temporal and spiritual, during the conventional year just closing, yet there have certainly been "some tokens for good."

As a Parish, from the very first, we have been *perfectly united*, and all have pressed forward as with one heart, voice, soul and strength to the great work before us. For this, the great secret of our success hitherto, we most heartily and sincerely thank God, and most fervently pray that it may *continue* to the promotion of His glory in the upbuilding of the church here and the salvation of souls. As a Parish, our growth during the year has been steady and healthy. Our families, communicants and attendants from without our pale have increased in numbers and interest, so much so, that our little chapel has usually been *well filled* and enlargement is already contemplated. As regards the temporalities of the Parish, the great work of the year has been that of building a rectory upon a lot adjoining our beautiful chapel. Our brethren from abroad have kindly contributed the sum of $158.45 in aid of this work. They have our prayerful thanks for the same, as also for all previous favors. This timely aid, together with $500 generously loaned the Parish without interest, has enabled us to complete a neat, ornate and commodious rectory, in which the rector and his family have been pleasantly settled since the 1st of July last. Truly God has been loving and gracious unto us, and for these and all His

unnumbered mercies and benefits we humbly and heartily bless and praise the triune God, and by His help, we will "*go forward*" with full trust and confidence in his power and willingness to remove all obstacles.

Mendon, Zion. - - - - *The Rev. Robert Ryall.*

Church Wardens—Aaron Cooke, Eli Banks.

Families, 22; Individuals not thus included, 11; Total of Souls, 160.
Baptisms—Infants, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Died, 1. Present Number, 40.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 4; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 30; Total, 50.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 39.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 5; Other Days, 3; Total, 8.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 38; Other Days, 6; Total, 44.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 44; Other Days, 1; Total, 45.
Sermons, 89. Lectures and other Addresses, 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion	$16 00
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund	40 00
General.—Domestic Missions	18 00
TOTAL OF OFFERINGS	$74 00

I have been in charge of this Parish since Advent, 1869, and when looking upward at the words, "State of Parish," under which it devolves on me to report, my reflection rests on the elements of which our congregation is composed, with more than wonted complacency—a faithful and affectionate, though long isolated community of Church people. I believe they are, for its course of current piety, as also being convinced of the wisdom of permanence, disposed to maintain the witness of the Church, even though inconvenient to their abilities. I trust, for their unexceptional kindness, that their Minister will be no less patient than they. As a congregation, we lose nothing. Our great want in externals is a building suitable to the advance of the community we are among. If we could be assisted with $1,000 to help to raise another on our beautiful site, it is probable that a larger amount would be raised among themselves, and would furnish the Church with an instrument, enabling it to take something of its due position in the community. Perhaps wealthier portions of the Church would help them for the Universal Church's sake.

ROBERT RYALL.

Metamora, Christ Church. - *The Rev. A. B. Russell.*

Church Wardens—Charles Rich, J. M. Clark.

Families, 8.
Baptisms—Infants, 3.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Died, 2. Present Number, 11.
Holy Communion—Public, Sundays, 3.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 11.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$5 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$5 00

The loss of Dr. J. M. CLARK, Junior Warden, fallen suddenly in the prime of life, and at the height of usefulness, is a sad blow to the Parish, and his loss is deeply felt in the county, of whose schools he was superintendent. The effect of the protracted wet weather, in the early part of the season last year, made the few upon whom the expense comes feel unable to pledge any support to the Rector. The amount contributed by the Missionary Board has enabled him to keep up the Services, and thus keep alive the interest of the Parish. It is expected they will be able, another year, to do something for the support of the Services. The railroad is about completed through the town, and it is hoped a favorable result to the church in this place and vicinity will soon manifest itself.

By having the Service at 3 P. M., we have secured a full house, attendance being quite general. As the Services were only monthly, it has not been deemed advisable, under the circumstances, to withdraw the children from the Sunday Schools which they were attending.

Naperville, St. John's. - *The Rev. J. Taylor Chambers.*

Church Wardens—S. P. Stevens, James G. Wright.

Families, 27; Individuals not thus included, 50; Total of Souls, 150.
Baptisms—Infants, 6; Adults, 1; Total, 7.
Confirmed, 5. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 6; Received, 6; Removed, 8; Died, 1.
Present Number, 60.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 8; Total, 11.
Scholars: Male, 43; Female, 39; Total, 82.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52. Catechumens, 82.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 28; Other Days, 2; Total, 30.
Private, 1.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 48; Total, 100.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 55; Other Days, 95; Total, 150.
Sermons, 94. Lectures and other Addresses, 36.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $20.25; Building Fund, (for Rectory), 717.41; Incidental Expenses, 191.46; Sunday School Offerings, 124.44; Special Offerings, 48.05; Sunday School Library, etc., 35.55. Total.....$1,137 16
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $56.75; Diocesan Fund, 97.08; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 7.70. Total..... 161 53
General.—Domestic Missions: Young Christian Soldiers, 8.25; Mite Chests, 16.71. Total..... 24 96

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,323 65

During the past year, a handsome Marble Font, made in Florence, Italy, has been placed in the Church, generously presented by Mrs. EVELYN BRAINARD, and serves as a memorial to her departed sister, Miss ROSALIE SLEIGHT.

Also, a convenient and comfortable Rectory, costing about $2,600, has been erected on the lot adjoining the Church, and is now occupied by the Rector. The Church and inclosure have been repainted.

During the Lenten Season, there was daily Service and a weekly celebration of the Holy Communion. Services, on several occasions, have been holden in a section of the county known as "Cass," some ten miles from town, where there are many English folk.

Onarga, Trinity. - - - - *The Rev. W. M. Steel.*

Church Wardens—Horace Pinney, George Phillippo.

Families, 18; Individuals not thus included, 2; Total of Souls, 94.
Baptisms—Infants, 2.
Marriages, 2. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Removed, 1. Present Number, about 20.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 4; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 8; Female, 12; Total, 20.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 3; Catechumens, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 19; Other Days, 1; Total, 20.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20.
Sermons, 36.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$14 83

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$14 83

Ottawa, Christ Christ. - The Rev. Wm. W. Estabrook.

Church Wardens—William Osman, George J. Burgess.

Families, 78; Individuals not thus included, 23; Total of Souls, 343.
Baptisms—Infants, 6.
Confirmed, 13. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7.
Communicants—Admitted, 12; Received, 2; Removed, 6.
Present Number, 83.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 12; Total, 13.
Scholars: Male, 37; Female, 60; Total, 97.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 15; Catechumens, 40.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15; Other Days, 2; Total, 17.
Private, 11.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 10; Total, 59.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 45; Other Days, 18; Total, 63.
Sermons, 107. Lectures and other Addresses, 9.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $102.40; Sunday School Easter Offering for Memorial Window, 28.49; Sunday School, 95.40; Ladies' Society, 750.00; Weekly Collections, 104.49. Total, $1,080 78
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $36.92; Diocesan Fund, 129.00; Paid to Rev. C. P. Clarke, 5.00. Total 170 92
General.—Domestic Missions 15 60

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS $1,267 30

The preliminary arrangements have been perfected for the erection of a new Church edifice. We intend to progress with the work this fall as far as the season will permit, and we hope to have the Church completed by the 1st of August next.

Your obedient servant in the Church of Christ,
W. W. ESTABROOK.

Paris, Grace. - - - - - The Rev. R. Trewartha.

Church Warden—James W. Binford.

Families, 13; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 60.
Baptisms—Infants, 1. Marriages, 2.
Communicants—Received, 2; Removed, 2. Present Number, 15.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 3; Total, 5.
Scholars: Male, 12; Female, 10; Total, 22.

Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 6; Catechumens, 10.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Sermons, 26.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial—$60.00; Prayer Books, 5.00. Total.....$65 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$65 00

The Minister and Vestry would embrace this opportunity to record their grateful sense of the kindness and Christian liberality of those friends who contributed towards the erection of our church. It is Gothic in its design. The zeal with which the parishioners engaged in this enterprize cannot be too highly commended.

The Parish has been severely tried; still, for the blessing attending our efforts, both temporal and spiritual, we go on our way rejoicing, knowing that we are on our way to a better country.

It is in our own weakness, and in our humble sense of weakness, that we are strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

The present Minister entered upon his duties on the fifteenth of June; such will account for the meagre list of statistics.

Peoria, St. John's. - - - - *The Rev. John Benson.*

Church Wardens—Henry I. Chase, Samuel Wilkinson.

Baptisms—Infants, 16. Marriages, 3. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Present Number, 59.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 7; Total, 9.
Scholars, 80.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 10.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 11; Other Days, 2; Total, 13.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 120; Total, 172.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 49; Total, 99.
Sermons, 95. Lectures and Other Addresses, 28.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $25.93; Weekly Offertory, 699.54; Other sources, 221.58. Total..... $947 05
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $38.35; Diocesan Fund, 97.88; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 11.05. Total..... 147 28
General.—Domestic Missions..... 7 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,101 33

Peoria, St. Paul's. - - - The Rev. James W. Coe.

Church Wardens—Alex. G. Tyng, Matthew Griswold.

Families, 92.
Baptisms—Infants, 15. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6.
Communicants—Received, 10; Removed, 8; Died, 1.
Present Number, 139.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 11; Total, 14.
Scholars, 125.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 1; Total, 11.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 39; Other Days, 13; Total, 52.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 39; Other Days, 27; Total, 66.
Sermons, 96.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $147.60; On account of Convention, dues, 67.76; Offering divided between Revs. Mr. Thompson and Nash, 63.20. Total.....$278 56
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 58 00
General.—Foreign Missions..... 26 60

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$363 16

Pittsfield, St. Stephen's. - The Rev. J. Nelson Hume.

Church Wardens—John Boothby, J. S. Mullen.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 3; Total of Souls, 114.
Baptisms—Infants, 1.
Marriages, 1. Burials, 1.
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 1. Present Number, 24.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 20; Total, 30.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 1; Catechumens, 5.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 13.
Sermons, 26. Lectures and other Addresses, 3.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $11.30; Sunday School Purposes, 176.35; Church Furniture, 10.00; Organ, 250.00; Other Purposes, 16.44. Total.....$464 09

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS. $464 09

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR BISHOP:

The present state of this (St. Stephen's) Parish appears quite healthy, and of fair promise of future prosperity. There is a good attendance, excellent order, and a very earnest spirit of devotion at all the Services. Three months ago, I found them a "little flock" that had been without a visible Shepherd nearly two years, but by the providential care and keeping of the Great Invisible Shepherd, were mercifully preserved from fatal injury by the devourer, and now they "thank God and take courage."

J. N. HUME, *Rector*.

Polo, Trinity. - - - The Rev. Thomas Hooker Eddy.

Church Wardens—John R. Phelps, John Jay Thompson.

Families, 15; Individuals not thus included, 25; Total of Souls, 78.
Baptisms—Infants, 7.
Communicants—Removed, 4; Died, 1. Present Number, 16.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 5; Total, 7.
Scholars: Total, 46.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 20; Catechumens, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 2; Total, 10.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 13; Total, 38.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 25; Other Days, 17; Total, 42.
Sermons, 62. Lectures and other Addresses, 22.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Sunday School, $3.20; Charity, 21.00; Contingent Expenses, 30.00. Total.....$54 20

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $11.50; Diocesan Fund, 20.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 3.00. Total..... 34 50

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$88 70

My report is from October 1st, at which time I took charge of this Parish together with St. Paul's, Lee Centre, giving alternate weeks to each Parish.

Princeton, Redeemer. - The Rev. Geo. F. Cushman, D.D.

Church Wardens—Ferdinand Horton, Thomas M. Woodruff.

Families, 30; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 112.
Baptisms—Infants, 9; Adults, 1; Total, 10.
Confirmed, 6.

Communicants—Admitted, 7; Received, 6; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 28.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 5; Total, 8.
Scholars: Male, 8; Female, 24; Total, 32.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 1; Total, 16.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 13; Total, 62.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 48; Other Days, 6; Total. 54.
Sermons, 107.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $41.45; Other Collections, 70.07; Sunday School, 8.51; Ladies' Social, 642.41.
Total.....$762 44
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $14.00; Diocesan Fund, 44.40; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 3.00. Total..... 61 40

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$823 84

By the aid of liberal friends abroad, the Church has been painted and furnished with carpets, lights and other suitable appliances. We desire, especially, to mention the very handsome chancel furniture, in black walnut, the munificent gift of Mrs. S. M. COMBES, Brooklyn, N. Y.; the Communion Service, from St. John Evangelist Sunday School, N. Y., through the instrumentality of Mr. WALTER H. MOORE, Superintendent, and Alms Basins, in oak and lettered, from St. Mark's Sunday School, Warren, R. I.

Some progress has been made in liquidation of the debt which burdens the Parish and makes even its liberality seem like selfishness, so large a portion of its alms return to itself. So must it be for several years to come.

The Parish is of one heart and mind, and zealously affected in good works. All its statistics show progress, whereupon we thank God and take courage.

Providence Prairie, ——— - *The Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Families, 12. Communicants, 12. Baptisms, 2.

Quincy, St. John's. - *The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D.*

Church Wardens—F. C. Moore, H. A. Williamson.

Families, 100; Individuals not thus included, 200; Total of Souls, 700.
Baptisms—Infants, 25; Adults, 5; Total, 30.
Marriages, 9. Burials, 16.
Communicants—Removed, 20; Died, 8. Present Number, 200.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 25; Total, 28.
Scholars, 200.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 200.
Holy Communion—Sundays, 12; Other Days, 5; Total, 17.
Private, 5.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 41; Other Days, 14; Total, 55.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 41; Other Days, 40; Total, 81.
Lectures and other Addresses, 103.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $163.28; Sunday Collections, 254.85; Gave Bishop Vail for Missions in Kansas, 163.15; St. Mary's Hall, Knoxville, 100.00; Diocese of Oregon, (Sunday School collection,) 100.00. Total..... $781 28

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $51.00; Diocesan Fund, 349.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 37.15. Total..... 437 15

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$1,218 43

For the two years last past, the city of Quincy has not been so prosperous as formerly. Our merchants have made no money, and our population has somewhat decreased. Notwithstanding such drawbacks, our Parish has held its own; has met all its liabilities; has more pews rented than ever before, and may be regarded as in a healthy and hopeful condition. Three new railroads are in course of construction, which give promise of a better future for our city; and when that promise reaches fruition, our Parish will also be bettered. Our report, then, is "PROGRESS."

Robin's Nest, Christ Church. - The Rev. Samuel Chase.

Church Wardens—Joseph Mayo, John Moss.

Families, 22; Individuals not thus included, 60; Total of Souls, 175.
Baptisms—Infants, 4.
Burials, 3.
Communicants—Received, 3; Removed, 5. Died, 1.
Present Number, 80.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 4; Total, 7.
Scholars: Male, 23; Female, 12; Total, 35.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 3; Total, 15.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 11; Total, 63.
Sermons, 58. Lectures and other Addresses, 27.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $44.36; Sunday School Library and Papers, 28.00; Repairs on Chapel, 56.50; Rental of Slips in Chapel, 329.00. Total.....$457 86

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $38.33; Diocesan Fund, 35.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 17.90; St. Mary's School, Knoxville, 16.13. Total.....$107 36

General.—Domestic Missions, $37.70; Foreign Missions, 16.45; Increase of the Ministry, 9.13. Total..... 63 28

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$628 50

Rockford, Emmanuel. - - - The Rev. J. E. Walton.

Church Wardens—R. P. Lane, —— Hurd.

Families, 81; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 467.
Baptisms—Infants, 10; Adult, 2; Total, 12.
Confirmed, 6. Marriages, 9. Burials, 4.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Received, 3; Removed, 2; Died, 2.
Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 11; Total, 13.
Scholars, 90.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 4.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 46; Other Days, 8; Total, 54.
Sermons, 90. Lectures and other Addresses, 10.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $42.00; Sunday Contributions, 120.00. Total.....$162 00

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 33 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$195 00

Rock Island, Trinity. - - The Rev. T. I. Holcomb.

Church Wardens—H. H. Mayo, Richard Crompton.

Families, 70; Individuals not thus included, 40; Total of Souls, 350.
Baptisms—Infants, 22; Adults, 4; Total, 26.
Marriages, 4. Burials, 5.
Communicants—Admitted, 2. Died, 2.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars, 150.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 32.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 1; Total, 11.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 50; Other Days, 20; Total, 70.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 28; Total, 77.
Sermons, 85. Lectures and other Addresses, 12.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $93.82; Contingent Fund and Church Building Fund, 8,280.00; from Sunday School, 100.00; for Parish Ladies' Society, 1,000.00; Weekly Fund, 600.00. Total.....$10,081 78

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $20.00; Diocesan Fund, 124.50; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 13.78; for St. Mary's, Knoxville, 14.50. Total..... 142 78

General.—Domestic Missions, $63.25; Education for the Ministry, 25.00. Total..... 88 25

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$10,302 81

Salem, St. Thomas' - *The Rev. John Wesley Osborne.*

Church Warden—Robert H. Whittaker.

Families, 3; Individuals not thus included, 19; Total of Souls, 26.
Communicants—Received, 1; Removed, 1. Present Number, 4.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 3.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 3.
Sermons, 6. Lectures and other Addresses, 1.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$5 62

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$5 62

Our greatest difficulty is in getting a suitable place in which to worship. We cannot get the use of any of the meeting-houses, unless we give the Sunday morning collection. We have some money at interest to build the church with, but not sufficient to finish it.

Springfield, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Frank M. Gregg.

Church Wardens—Samuel H. Treat, Robert P. Johnston.

Families, 183; Individuals not thus included, 100; Total of Souls, 942.
Baptisms—Infants, 45; Adults, 3; Total, 48.
Confirmed, 8. Marriages, 9. Burials, 13.
Communicants—Admitted, 9; Received, 7; Died, 7.
Present Number, 199.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 9; Female, 21; Total, 30.
Scholars: Male, 50; Female, 100; Total, 150.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 15.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 100; Other Days, 52; Total, 152.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 96.
Sermons, 112.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $210.49; For Improvements on Rectory, Church Edifice, Current Expenses, etc., 2,384.44; Sunday School, 262.36. Total.....$2,857 29

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $72.55; Diocesan Fund, 286.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 39.50. Total..... 398 05

General.—Domestic Missions, 27.43; Southern Churches, 61.68; Sunday School for Bishop Pierce, 77.03; Society for the Increase of the Ministry, 123.00. Total..... 289 14

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$3,544 48

The Rector has been in charge of the Parish only four months, and the Report made includes the administration of the Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., (now Bishop of Arkansas,) from the date of last report to January, 1870, the work of the Rev. H. G. PERRY, for two months in charge of the Parish, and the work done by the Rev. G. P. WALDO on ten Sundays while the Parish was vacant.

Within the past four months, over three hundred pastoral calls have been made, a complete Family Register has been compiled, a Church Guild organized, with one hundred members, and a Parish Directory published, and the Parish is now well organized for work.

The public Services have been very much improved and inspirited by the establishment of antiphonal singing with double choirs, and the growing congregations indicate renewed interest and life. The Sunday School is growing rapidly, in consequence of a more thorough organization, and a lot, well located for a Mission School, has just been secured by donation of James Brown, a member of the Parish.

The Rector finds many willing hands and warm hearts to assist him in his work, and, with the Divine blessing, he hopes for good results in the future.

St. Anne, —— - - *The Rev. Charles B. Guillemont.*

Church Wardens—Laurent Chaillé, Alexis Blanchet.

Families, 29; Individuals not thus included, 9; Total of Souls, about 172.
Baptisms—Infants, 16. Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 4; Died, 1. Present Number, 61.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 1; Total, 3.
Scholars: Male, 16; Female, 13; Total, 29.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 32; Catechumens, 60.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 12; Other Days, 2; Total, 14.
Private, 1.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 5; Total, 57.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 18; Other Days, 45; Total, 63.
Sermons, 75. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

General.—Domestic Missions.....$4 25

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$4 25

For more than five years, I have been working in this Missionary field with courage, through hard circumstances and trials, and, under Divine blessings, with evident progress and satisfying result despite three main hindrances.

1. *Poverty of nearly all our Families.*—They have hardly one good crop in an average of three years. Too much rain, extreme heat, and too early frost are their most common and terrible enemies. Struggling for daily support, they cannot really contribute anything, and it is a too well known fact that, in a religious body, spiritual prosperity suffers by, and in proportion to, material wants. Earth aids Heaven.

2. *Sects.*—Three sects, in this small town, are at work, day and night, to make converts. To say the truth, they take the surest and most effective way—*they give;* they constantly keep in store, for the hour of need, barrels of flour, clothing, shoes, etc. Poor people are naturally inclined to think best, and to adhere in preference, to a church which more charitably pities their distress, more liberally supplies their wants. As to myself, living on a very scanty salary, I have nothing to give out of my own resources. On the other hand, as no relief ever but once came to my destitute families, it follows that I am left to my feeble voice, and to the naked charm of the truth, to keep up and try to increase our little and interesting flock.

3. *Great Scattering.*—Our families live here and there, four, six, ten miles from church. It would be of great value to visit them often, to make their homes as many meeting places for weekly prayer and preaching. I do this as often as practicable, but yet too seldom to realize all the advantage possible. My usual vehicle, by good and bad weather, are my two unfortunate feet, while my Rev. Brothers, of all

belief or unbelief, ride easily on good and comfortable buggies, very politely splashing me in passing. Were I favored with the same conveyance by the Board of Missions, I dare promise, with nothing, to win more souls to the church than any Minister here does to his sect, though with hands full of gifts.

I say again, there is much good to do here. Let me have, at least, the elementary means to realize it. I earnestly ask to fight the good fight, but give me the indispensable arms.

Sterling, Grace. - - - *The Rev. J. E. Goodhue.*

Church Wardens—Gabriel Davis, Lorenzo Hapgood.

Families, 50; Individuals not thus included, 50; Total of Souls, 250.
Baptisms—Infants, 25; Adults, 5; Total, 30.
Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Received, 6; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 40.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 6; Female, 4; Total, 10.
Scholars: Male, 45; Female, 50; Total, 95.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 16; Other Days, 1. Total, 17.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 8; Total, 60.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 6; Total, 53.
Sermons, 105. Lectures and other Addresses, 8.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $59.21; Christmas Tree for Sunday School, 55.00; New Organ, 225.00; Special Collection for the Poor, 3.80; Sunday School Purposes, 39.80. Total.....**$382 81**

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $5.95; Diocesan Fund, 50.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 5.75. Total..... **61 70**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$444 51**

The Parish is in a hopeful condition. It has met with many reverses and discouragements; but there are a faithful few who are determined to make sacrifices and labor for better times. A debt incurred in building their Church has done much to cripple their energies. This they hope to remove this present season. When it is done, they hope to be able to do more for benevolent purposes. The Sunday School continues large and flourishing.

Of the Baptisms reported, fourteen were at Morrison Mission, and also *nine* of the Confirmations. In addition to my own parochial work, I have held Services occasionally at Fulton, Morrison, Como and other places.

Stone Prairie, ——— - - *The Rev. Philip B. Lyon.*

Families, 3; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 30.
Baptisms—Infants, 2. Confirmed, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 5. Present Number, 7.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 2; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 10; Female, 20; Total, 30.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 20; Catechumens, 30.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 2.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 20.
Sermons, 10. Lectures and other Addresses, 5.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion.....$10 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$10 00

We have Services once a month in the Masonic Hall; Sunday School, most of the time, every Sunday. I have introduced the Church Services at two points on the Hannibal & Naples Railroad, viz.: Kinderhook once; twice at Barry, in the City Hall, which has been kindly placed at our service as often as we wish to use it. This point, *Barry,* (midway between Hannibal and Naples,) is a point that has some few Church people, but has never had the Church Services introduced there before, as I learn. I propose to have Services there once a month, as long as I can, till winter prevents, being nine miles distant. I hope the Bishop will be able to send a Missionary there to look up the lost sheep on that line of railroad. Griggsville is another good point I have been invited to, but so far, have been unable to go.

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Tiskilwa, St. Jude's. - - - *The Rev. F. B. Nash.*

Church Wardens—Oliver Milling, Francis Lefavor.

Families, 35; Individuals not thus included, 20; Total of Souls, 280.
Baptisms—Infants, 4; Adults, 3; Total, 7.
Confirmed, 9. Marriages, 1. Burials, 3,
Communicants—Admitted, 5; Received, 1; Removed, 6.
Present Number, 50.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 6; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 25; Female, 35; Total, 60.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 10; Other Days, 1; Total, 11.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 2; Total, 54.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 36.
Sermons, 90. Lectures and other Addresses, 40.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $20.00; Parish Purposes, 150.00. Total.....$170 00
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $25.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 15.00. Total..... 40 00
General.—Domestic Missions, $9.50; Foreign Missions, 14.00. Total..... 23 50

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$233 50

Warsaw, St. Paul's. - - The Rev. Wm. M. Reynolds.

Church Warden—John W. Marsh.

Families, 25; Individuals not thus included, 12; Total of Souls, 150.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 1; Total, 6.
Marriages, 2. Burials, 3.
Communicants—Admitted, 3; Received, 2; Removed, 6; Died, 1.
Present Number, 20.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 2; Female, 10; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 30; Female, 45; Total, 75.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 8; Catechumens, 20.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 8; Other Days, 2; Total, 10.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 33; Other Days, 2; Total, 35.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 30; Other Days, 23; Total, 53.
Sermons, 65. Lectures and other Addresses, 20.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $35.00; Current Expenses, 25.00. Total.....$60 00
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $3.00; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 9.00. Total..... 12 00

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$72 00

This Report includes only *eight months'* service in the Parish of St. Paul's, Warsaw, at the end of which, (June 1, 1870), I resigned the charge of the Parish. The Parish lost, during this time, an unusually large number of its members by removal, and its Senior Warden, the late Hon. PIERRE A. BARKER, by death. His place had not been supplied by a new election at the time of my removal. The Parish is greatly weakened by these losses, and will require liberal Missionary aid to enable it to have the regular services of a Minister. I also continued to officiate at Zion Church, Mendon, until the 1st of November, when I withdrew, in order that the Parish might make an effort to sustain a Rector, whose whole time should be devoted to them. They

had, accordingly, called the Rev. R. RYALL, who entered upon his duties there about the beginning of the present year. Since my removal to Chicago, I have officiated two Sundays for St. Peter's, Sycamore; three for the Church of the Ascension, Chicago; two for Calvary Church; and one for St. John's, in the absence of their several Rector's, besides assisting upon other occasions in the Churches of the Ascension, Grace, and the Epiphany.

Waukegan, Christ Church. - The Rev. S. B. Duffield.

Church Wardens—William Besley, Charles R. Steele.

Families, 78; Total of Souls, 300.
Baptisms—Infants, 5; Adults, 4; Total, 9.
Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 6. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Admitted, 14; Received, 8; Removed, 5.
Present Number, 103.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 4; Female, 8; Total, 12.
Scholars: Male, 46; Female, 54; Total, 100.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 12; Catechumens, 100.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14; Other Days, 2; Total, 16.
Private, 3.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 49; Other Days, 36; Total, 85.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 47; Other Days, 59; Total, 106.
Sermons, 96. Lectures and other Addresses, 62.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $94.36; for General Expenses, 2,316.47; Sunday School Offerings, 56.29; Christmas Festival, 95.00; Library, 24.50. Total.....**$2,586 62**

Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions, $39.38; Diocesan Fund, 133.01; Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund, 7.50; St. Mary's School, Knoxville, 74.00. Total..... **253 89**

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....**$2,840 51**

This Parish continues prosperously in spiritual and temporal things. Communicants have increased. The Rector's salary has been raised. The Parish owes no man anything. My brethren of the clergy, from abroad, kindly assisted during Lent in this Parish. Two daily Services were sustained throughout the Holy Fast. The Parish Library has been largely increased, and is now a valuable collection of entertaining and instructive reading. Improvements for heating the Church have been made during the year, and a new organ purchased. Responsive congregational singing, I am happy to state, has taken the place of delegated praise, and God's blessing is plainly manifested in the truer, warmer expression of this portion of the public worship by the congregation.

Wilmington, Redeemer. - - *The Rev. Henry Safford.*

Church Wardens—Jas. A. Johnson, H. Thomas C. McGuire.

Families. 35; Total of Souls, 150.
Baptisms—Infants, 24. Marriages, 2. Burials, 2.
Communicants—Present Number, 39.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 6; Total, 9.
Scholars: Male, 16; Female, 47; Total, 63.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 6; Other Days, 1; Total, 7.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 23; Other Days, 12; Total, 35.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 23; Other Days, 18; Total, 41.
Sermons, 46. Lectures and Other Addresses, 25.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $18.88; Incidental Expenses, 215.00; Sunday School Offerings, 38.52; Paid Debts, 320.00. Total.....$692 40
Diocesan.—Diocesan Fund, $141.64; Bonded Debt, 39.35. Total..... 180 99

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$773 39

The above Report reaches back only to the time when the present Rector became connected with the Parish. The past year has been one of great depression and of many discouragements. The flock is a small and feeble one, but we hope for growth.

Wyoming, St. Luke's. - *The Rev. Thos. N. Benedict.*

Church Wardens—Henry A. Holst, Jeremiah G. Greene.

Families, 20; Individuals not thus included, 10; Total of Souls, 70.
Baptisms—Infants, 17; Adults, 1; Total, 18.
Marriages, 1.
Communicants—Received, 3; Removed, 3. Present Number, 21.
Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 3; Female, 3; Total, 6.
Scholars: Male, 20; Female, 30; Total, 50.
Public Catechetical Instruction—Number Times, 52.
Holy Communion—Public: Sundays, 14.
Morning Prayer—Sundays, 52; Other Days, 36; Total, 88.
Evening Prayer—Sundays, 32.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Parochial.—Alms at Holy Communion, $45.59; Other Parochial Purposes, 496.42. Total.....$542 01
Diocesan.—Diocesan Missions..... 8 40

TOTAL OF OFFERINGS.....$550 41

OTTAWA, Ill., Sept. 10, 1870.

RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, Bishop of Illinois:

Mr. CLARKE is quite ill; not able to make out a Report. At his request, I write to say that he has officiated twice, and administered the Holy Communion at the Church of the Redeemer, Princeton, Bureau county, Ill.; also, that he has married one couple.

CHARLES P. CLARKE,
Per Mrs. C. P. CLARKE.

LOCKPORT, Sept. 12, 1870.

RIGHT REVERND BISHOP WHITEHOUSE:

DEAR SIR—I was compelled, through failing health and the remoteness of the Parish, to discontinue, last fall, my services at St. Paul's Church, Manhattan. The statistics of the Church will be furnished by the Wardens of the same.

Since that period I have officiated fortnightly at New Lenox, Will County. With commendable zeal this new missionary parish have recently erected a tasteful Gothic building, with recess chancel, stained glass windows, capable of seating probable from 250 to 300 persons. It was opened for Divine Service September 4. It is designated Grace Church. The names of the Wardens are Thomas Jones and Edward Laurene.

The Parish ministered unto some time since, with just approval, at New Lenox, is fast growing in strength and zeal, and all good works. The acorn is growing up into the oak, and, like many village churches, will, after a while, be self-supporting, while Rural Parishes, as Manhattan, will hardly live. It is gratifying to me, since my twelve years' residence in the State, to see the Church in this County waking into new life. Wilmington has a handsome Church, and is, I believe, self-supporting. Joliet is about to enlarge its building. Lockport is erecting the finest Church structure in the County. New Lenox opened its handsome edifice yesterday. Peotine and Plainfield both need a Church, and, had I the strength, I would lay the foundation, with the help of the Lord. There are several Episcopal families in the former place, and distance alone prevents my visiting them. We have ten Vestymen in New Lenox. The names of the Wardens you will recall as formerly connected with the Church at Manhattan.

When the building is completed I shall be happy to have it consecrated to the Lord at your hands. The opening Services, yesterday, were very glad. It was a great day of jubilee; the day beautiful; the crowd unable to find entrance; Church people from Manhattan, Lockport, Joliet, New Lenox; the Joliet choir and choice music; three surplices in the Chancel; an eloquent, manly sermon, from Rev. Mr. TURNER, upon the text, "The Lord is in his Holy Temple: let all the earth keep silence before him;" a large collection and a generous hospitality.

Altogether it was pleasing to those who worship in the good old ways of our fathers. And now we desire a Missionary for Manhattan and New Lenox. My services have been, thus far, gratuitous. I have no missionary aid. I shall probably be a parishioner at Lockport after I have secured a missionary for this field of labor. I hope you will bear us in mind. The new churches can probably raise, at the start, about $400.00 per church.

New Lenox has her hands full in completing the edifice; for the Parish by no means abounds in worldly wealth, and, besides, to a considerable extent its material is new. Its people lean to our Church as a sort of escape from Methodism and a religion that is too much emotional in its character.

I am reminded, while thus writing you in the missionary interest, of the same subject upon which I correspended with you in 1849, when you resided in New York. I have just read again your letter of December 18, 1849, addressed to me in Pennsylvania. What changes have intervened! what vast strides in the Missionary work since then! You spoke of San Francisco as comparatively a new field of labor. What is it now? With Bishops, Presbyters and Deanries *scattered among the mountains*, not like Waldenses of old, a persecuted race but brave and stalwart men of the Cross, pioneers in God's own way of salvation. Twenty years in these times is almost an age. May God enable us, who are privileged to live in these eventful times, to be faithful to His work, and prepare us to meet the Lord of the Vineyard whensoever He shall come.

I remain, very truly yours, in the Lord,

SAM'L COWELL.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., LL.D., &c.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

Rt. Reverend and Beloved Bishop—I have incidentally rendered services in different places in the Diocese of Pittsburg, Pa., as follows:

April 10, 1870.—In Christ Church, Alleghany City, Pa.

April 17.—In St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, Pa., (assisting the Rector in the administration of the Holy Communion). Also, the same day, P. M., in Grace Church, Van Allen, administering the Holy Communion.

April 23.—Assisted the Rector of Christ Church, Alleghany City, Pa., in the Service, and preached in the evening.

March 1.—Conducted the Service in All Saints' Chapel, Pittsburg, administering the Holy Communion, and preached in the forenoon.

March 8.—The same; same place.

Maunday Thursday.—Assisted the Rector of Christ Church, Alleghany City, in administration of Holy Communion.

Whit Sunday.—Conducted Services, forenoon and afternoon, in Trinity Church, Freeport, Pa., administering the Holy Communion and preaching.

Trinity Sunday.—The same in Trinity Church, Blairsville, Pa. In the afternoon, administered Holy Communion to a sick lady in Freeport, Pa.

First Sunday after Trinity.—Assisted at Grace Church, Mt. Washington, Pa.

Second Sunday.—Preached and conducted Services; same place.

Third Sunday.—Conducted Services, forenoon and afternoon, in the Episcopal Church, New Brighton. Pa.

Fourth Sunday.—Conducted Services and preached in Grace Church, Mt. Washington, Pa.

Fifth Sunday.—The same in St. James' Church, Pittsburg, Pa.

Sixth Sunday.—The same in St. John's Church, Pittsburg, Pa.

Seventh Sunday.—The same in Trinity Church, Freeport, Pa.; also, Holy Communion.

Eighth Sunday.—Assisted the Rector of Christ Church, Alleghany City, Pa.

Ninth Sunday.—Conducted *a Mission Service*, in connection with the Rev. B. F. BROOKE, Rector of Christ Church, Alleghany City, Pa. —incidentally in Washington Township, Holmes county, Ohio—delivering a sermon.

Tenth Sunday.—Assisted the Rector of Christ Church, Alleghany City, in the Service and Holy Communion; addressing the children at afternoon Service.

Eleventh Sunday.—Preached in St. John's Church, Pittsburg, Pa. In the afternoon held a special Service in Alleghany City, Pa., and administered the Sacrament of Baptism; also attended the funeral of a child.

Twelfth Sunday.—Assisted the Rector of Christ Church, Alleghany City, Pa.

Thirteenth Sunday.—Assisted the Rector of Calvary Church, East Liberty, at afternoon Service.

These are extracts from minutes made of services rendered. I have simply served when and where invited; and I have had more invitations than I could respond to. To the present time, from April 1, 1870, to September 12, 1870, I have preached 22 Sermons. I have assisted in administering, and also have personally administered the Holy Communion ten times. I have baptized two children, and buried one child.

I have traveled over 400 miles on said service, and have received about $35.00—the services always being rendered as labor of love.

Remembering your instruction while in Illinois, that I should keep you advised of these things, the foregoing is affectionately submitted.

WM. A. FULLER,

Presbyter of the Diocese of Illinois.

No. 20, Western Ave., Alleghany City, Pa.

To the Right Reverend H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., &c.,
Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois:

Dear Sir—In addition to my Tabular Report of St. Stephen's Parish, Pittsfield, be pleased, my dear Bishop, to accept this report of my services in other places during the first nine months of the past conventional year.

From the 17th Sunday after Trinity, September 19, 1869, to the 1st Sunday after Easter, April 24, 1870, inclusive, I officiated in St. Peter's Church, Sycamore, and for St. Alban's, De Kalb, as Missionary. The remainder of the nine months, to Trinity Sunday, June 12, 1870, I officiated in other places, but most of the time in the Church of the Epiphany, Chicago. During that time, I baptized 3 adults; had 1 Marriage; 1 Burial; Morning Prayer, Sundays, 33 times; Other Days, 4 times; Evening Prayer, Sundays, 64 times; Other Days, 3 times; Sermons, 99; Lectures and other Adresses, 13.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

J. N. HUME.

Right Reverend Henry J. Whitehouse, D. D., &c.,
Bishop of Illinois:

My Dear Bishop—Your Missionary on the Dixon Air Line of N. W. R. R., respectfully reports services since the 12th of September last, as follows:

Elgin, Redeemer—Morning Prayer: Sundays, 1; Sermons, 1.

Fulton—Morning Prayer: Sundays, 1; Evening, 1; Sermons, 2.

Geneva, St. Mark's—Morning Prayer: Sundays, 5; Evening, 3; Sermons, 5.

Geneva, St. Mark's—Assisted at Morning Prayer: Sundays, 14; Evening, 11; Sermons, 3.

Geneva, St. Mark's—Assisted Other Days, Evening, 1; Holy Communion, Sundays, 3.

Geneva—Children baptized in private, 2.

Visited Blackberry once; found 8 Communicants. No Service.

Visited Rochelle twice; 9 Communicants; distributed books. No Service.

Visited Dement twice; 7 Communicants; Sunday Evening Prayer, 1; Sermons, 1.

Visited Wheaton once; found no Communicants; held no Service.

Visited Franklin Grove once; found no Communicants; held no Service.

MORRISON AND VICINITY.

Families in Morrison, 14; vicinity, 5; Number of Souls, 75. Baptisms, 4; by Rev. Mr. Goodhue, 14; Total, 18.

Confirmed, 9. Burials, (by Mr. GOODHUE), 1.

Communicants—Admitted to First Communion, 17; Afterwards, 9; Received, 4; Removed, 3. Present Number, 27.

Morning Prayer—Sundays, 22.

Evening Prayer—Sundays, 20.

Sermons, 35. Lectures, 3.

Rev. Mr. GOODHUE officiated 6 to 8 times, and celebrated Holy Communion 4 times, assisted by your Missionary once.

Rev. Mr. GIBSON officiated 4 times, and celebrated Holy Communion once, assisted by your Missionary.

Lay Services—Sunday Mornings, 5.

Sunday School—Teachers: Male, 1; Female, 3; Total, 4.
Scholars: Male, 6; Female, 12; Total, 18.

Text Books Used—Calvary Catechism, Catechism Simplified, and Bevan's Help; with Scriptural Lessons. Catechising by the Missionary once to twice a month. Bible Class of Communicants and others, in connection with Sunday School, using Rev. THOS. JACKSON's questions on Epistles, Collects and Gospels.

Money raised for Church Purposes, $368.68. Sunday School Offerings, $8.82. Diocesan Missions, $6.30.

Your Missionary visits Morrison every other Sunday. This organization at Morrison was first called together on the 5th day of December last, with 11 Communicants. Is pecuniarily weak, but of the true Lay Missionary Spirit.

Your Missionary has held Morning Prayer, Sundays, in Grace Church, Sterling, twice, and Evening Prayer twice; and preached four times, by way of exchange with the Rev. Mr. GOODHUE, who has aided much to encourage and strengthen the Church at Morrison.

At DeKalb, Sundays, Morning Prayer, 2.

At DeKalb, Sundays, Evening Prayer, 3; Sermons, 5.

Very truly and faithfully, your Missionary Deacon,

A. W. GLASS.

IMMANUEL HALL, CHICAGO, Sept., 1870.

TO THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, L.L. D., D. D.

MY DEAR BISHOP—I beg leave to report my work for the year just closing.

My time has been fully occupied with the charge of Immanuel Hall. In its financial management, the Hall is a private enterprise. But it is strictly a church school, under the laws, customs, and authorities of the Church. It has never asked for benefactions, and never laid responsibilities upon the Convention or the Diocese. I am happy to report the Hall as in a prosperous condition.

I have held Divine Service for the Household, in the school-room on each Lord's day of the school year, and administered the Holy Communion once a month. The daily devotions of the Hall are also

held in the school-room, morning and evening. We use an abridged form of the "Daily Prayer" of the Church. A class is preparing for Confirmation, which, in due time, will invite your official presence at the Hall.

I am yours faithfully in the Lord,
EZRA JONES.

THE RIGHT REVEREND H. J. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., &c.:

RIGHT REVEREND FATHER IN GOD — During the Conventional year which has just expired, I have been engaged in carrying on my school, and with a fair degree of success; still endeavoring to make it, as a Church institution, tributary, according to its measure, to the pastoral work of the Church.

To these duties, moreover, have been added others, of a parochial character, inasmuch as early in the spring I was elected by the Vestry of Ascension Church to the post of Associate Rector of the Parish. In this capacity I have celebrated, or have assisted at celebration of the Holy Communion, fifty-nine times; have officiated on Sundays, at Morning and Evening Prayer, fifty-six times, and have preached three times.

I have also officiated on Sundays, in other churches, as follows: At the Cathedral, assisted at sixteen Services, preached three times, and celebrated once; at the Church of our Saviour, Chicago, officiated once at Morning and once at Evening Prayer, and preached on both occasions; at Grace Church, Chicago, said Morning Prayer once; at St. James' Church, Chicago, officiated and preached once; at Calvary Church, Chicago, the same; at Evanston, officiated and preached three times; at Harlem, officiated and preached twice, and celebrated once; at Geneva, the same; at Naperville, officiated and preached twice; also the same at Springfield, Princeton, Danville and Riverside; at Laporte, Indiana, I have said both Morning and Evening Prayer four times, and preached as many sermons.

At week day Services, I had officiated thirty-four times previous to Ash-Wednesday. Since that day, daily Morning and Evening Prayer has been said in the Church of the Ascension, at all of which Services the Rector and myself have, for the most part, both officiated.

The following is a summary of my Report:

Holy Communion — Sundays, 32; Other Days, 30; Total, 62.
Morning and Evening Prayer — Sundays, 96; Other Days, 300 to 400.
Sermons, etc., 30.
Baptisms — Infants, 2.
Marriages, 4. Burials, 9, and assisted at two others.

I am, Right Reverend and Dear Father in God,
Respectfully your Son in the Catholic Faith,
GEO. C. STREET,
Associate Rector of the Church of the Ascension, and Canon.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 25, 1870.

RIGHT REVEREND AND DEAR SIR:

I have to report that since my last report to you I have officiated, on an average, three times a week; that I have baptized about thirty. The most of my services will be reported by the Parish authorities of the Parishes in which the services were rendered. Those that will not be so reported were rendered in Mendota, Utica and Carthage, in which places I have officiated.

Hoping that I may soon be relieved from the present discouragements, I remain, faithfully and obediently yours in Christ,

ALBERT E. WELLS.

ROBIN'S NEST, Ill., Oct. 10, 1870.

RIGHT REVEREND SIR:

With great thankfulness I report the continued prosperity of this Mission, and direct your attention to the success which the Divine favor has vouchsafed to important Church extension work in my hands. And when you remember that my work is purely missionary, and done on no other man's foundation, my gratitude will be esteemed by you, I am sure, as becoming.

At Preëmption, where so much had ever been found to make you sad with discouragement, a more hopeful stage has been reached in the completion and occupation of a new and beautiful Church. It is of wood, open-roofed Gothic in style, and furnished with very pretty stained glass windows, from McMahon's, Chicago. Inside the woodwork is stained and varnished, and the walls and ceilings frescoed. Chancel and vestment room are very complete, and the whole is well furnished, including furnace, carpets and an organ. It contains two hundred and twenty-five sittings. The value of the whole property, including three and a half acres of fine land attached, is about $4,000.

This beautiful, convenient and substantial church, awaits your coming, and will, I think, challenge your congratulations to the builders. God grant that it may also comfort you with a new hopefulness about them, as it does myself, to whom it is both an evidence of their liberality and an earnest of God's answer to many prayers for their spiritual growth and final entrance into eternal life.

At Aledo, county seat of Mercer County, another Church, similar to the above, though larger, is in progress of building, which we hope to complete in time for a Christmas service next winter. Two well-situated lots, fronting the finely-planted public square, have been secured for the site of this Church, through the kindness of the Hon. Judge THOMPSON, who, though not a churchman, has donated these lots and fifty dollars in money to this enterprise of our church building. The value of this property, when ready for use, will be about the same as that at Preëmption.

Of the dear brethren engaged in this work at Aledo I cannot say too much in praise. Very few in number and of limited wealth, they are planning and laboring for the kingdom of God as only they who believe and love can do. Surely God will bring their work to a good end. I rejoice over their triumph even before it is attained to.

At Galva preparations have been nearly completed to commence the building of a church this fall. We have been waiting for your canonical consent to organize a parish, which we still hope to receive. But because it has been so long delayed, we are obliged to give up our hope of building this year. The congregation at this station has real estate which, during the last year, has been cleared of debt, and furnishes us a room for Services.

Grace Church, Rock Island County, has been reopened for Services, and in part repaired. There is talk of rebuilding it immediately, though no steps have been taken towards it.

The following is a summary of Services maintained by this Mission, viz.: Four Sunday Services and three Sunday Schools at Galva, and one Sunday Service at Aledo every three weeks. At St. John's Church, Preëmption, and Grace Church, Rock Island County, Sunday Services and Sunday Schools are maintained every Sunday, so that this Mission maintains, every three weeks, eleven Sunday Services and nine Sunday Schools. For assistance to enable me to compass so much work, I have just undertaken to pay $400 per annum in salaries.

The statistics of this Mission since my last report, embracing a period of two years, are as follows, viz.:

Baptisms, 50; Confirmations, 20; Burials, 2; Marriages, 2; Communicants, 120; Churches built, 2; Amount added to Church Property, $8,000.

During the past year a clerical brother has kindly paid me $200 for my personal use. Besides this I have received nothing for my support in all this work from any Church source. Of course I have felt the burden of poverty and the embarrassment of debt. That I have not been paralyzed in my hopes, nor defeated in my endeavors for God, I recognize as His grace by which my strength has been made as my day. I trust that they who are responsible for this lack will hereafter be found more alive to the will of God, touching the hire of those who labor in His harvest. But whether I shall realize this hope or not, I shall expect to continue in my work, and trust still in Him who knoweth that both I and my house have need of these things.

Respectfully, Right Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. S. CHAMBERLAINE,

Rt. Rev. Bp. WHITEHOUSE, D. D., Chicago, Ill.

APPENDIX III.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., &c.:

The Trustees of St. Luke's Hospital hereby tender their Annual Report, as required by the Constitution:

The Cash Receipts were	$6,881 15
Expenses	6,856 08
Balance, September 1, 1870	$25 07

Contributions were from the following sources:

Grace Church	$2,421 56
St. James' Church	1,089 73
Trinity Church	460 00
St. John's Church	169 00
Cathedral Church	56 00
Christ Church	25 00
St. Mark's Church	14 91
Calvary Church Sunday School	41 00
Church of the Epiphany	1 00
Church of the Ascension	9 00
Church of the Atonement	38 95
Miscellaneous	2,555 00

The Physician-in-Chief reports the following:

Number of Patients remaining September 1, 1869	13
Number of Patients received for the year	152
Number of Patients discharged	127
Number of Patients remaining September 1, 1870	16

The Baptisms, Funerals and Private Communions at the Hospital, for the year, are reported in the Parish of Grace Church—the Rector of that Parish being Chaplain of the Hospital. Of the whole number of Patients treated, 37 were Church members and 59 natives of the United States. Contrary to our expectations last year, the Hospital is not yet endowed with building or land, but steps are being taken, with fair promise of success, to procure land and erect a building.

Religious services have been held at the Hospital as usual on week days and Sundays. The services of Dr. Owens, and his kind and skillful assistants, have been, as always, gratuitous, and deserve the hearty thanks of Churchmen.

Many valuable donations of Food, Clothing, Furniture, etc., have been made to the Hospital during the past year. The Trustees earnestly commend the Hospital to the good will and liberality of men and women everywhere.

Very respectfully,

H. N. POWERS,
GEO. P. LEE,
R. F. SWEET,
Committee.

Chicago, Sept. 10, 1870.

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NOTE.—On page 33, Proceedings of Convention, for lines 16, 17, 18, "The following Canon," etc., read:

The following Canon, providing for an Appellate Court in the the Diocese of Illinois, presented and referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and Canons, at last Convention, was presented by said Committee to this Convention, and, on motion, unanimously adopted.

On page 38, line 8, erase "as in the Canons of the General Convention."

J. H. KNOWLES,
Secretary of Convention.

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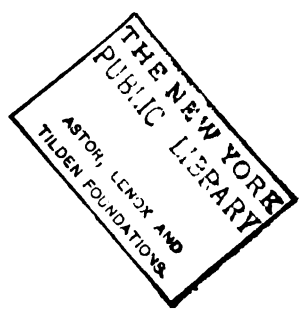
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Annual Address

OF THE

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Bishop of Illinois,

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Episcopal Address.

To the Clergy and Delegates
of the Thirty-Third Convention,
and to the Clergy and Laity
of the Diocese of Illinois;
Greeting in the Lord:

I present to the Convention and the Church, my nineteenth Episcopal Address. Such a document is in its nature discursive, because, besides record in its elementary forms, it must embrace such range of event and opinion as the Bishop may deem suggestive for information or co-ordinate action.

Obituary.

We naturally put, in the first place, our honored dead, and turn to the recent bereavements of the Church, in the mingled grief and triumph with which she has ever commemorated her servants "who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors."

Within the ministry of our own Diocese, no decease has occurred. But two of our Bishops have been taken from us in full age and amplitude of ministry and Episcopate: Dr. Carlton Chase, Bishop of New Hampshire, and Dr. Jackson Kemper, Bishop of Wisconsin,

the Apostle of the West. Each of these venerated Fathers deserves, as I doubt not he will receive, your tribute of devout eulogy.

The Bishop of New Hampshire was a man of strong good sense, simple but dignified manners, plain spoken, but always courteous, carrying enviable influence in counsel from the straight forward wisdom of his opinions, and through his home-life, by the harmony and steadfastness of his pastoral and Episcopal ministrations. His large and vigorous frame, which he inured to handicraft labor, wore slowly to the grave; and the chastening of disease was accepted in meekness, faith and hope.

It will be long before our Church will find a peer for the Missionary Bishop of the Northwest, whose course has been fulfilled in a line of incidents in the Church and society not likely to occur again. Dr. Kemper's commission as Bishop made him the Evangelist of frontier and wilderness, with a charge sweeping over an area on which now States and Dioceses, thronged and cultured, seem to claim the development of a century. Through these social forces and ecclesiastical creations, he gently, zealously and with cheerful sacrifice held his way, adaptive alike for pioneer ruggedness or Diocesan fellowships in the indomitable energy of four score. His death-bed was sweetly tranquil, the quiet out-breathing of a well spent life of winning, practical goodness. On the last day of May, I assisted in the impressive funeral services held in the chapel and at the grave-yard at Nashotah, where his remains were committed to the ground.

I cannot forbear, in this connection, expressing our sympathy with a distant Church, made near to me by personal friendships, in the loss which Sweden has sus-

tained in the death of Dr. Reuterdahl, the venerable Archbishop of Upsala. From humble origin, by diligent study, patient struggle and purity of life, Dr. Reuterdahl rose to the eminent position he held. His long career was marked by qualities which secured for him steady promotion in literary and ecclesiastical rank until it culminated in the highest office of the National Church, honorable influence in the representative Councils, and the enduring friendship of the King and royal family. Dr. Reuterdahl never married. His habits of life were remarkably simple, and his income was fully expended in works of public and private benificence. His manners were gentle, winning and dignified; and his heart was so tender for his Church and people that, more than once in our private intercourse, he wept as we talked of present and impending events affecting their ecclesiastical and spiritual condition. The good Bishop felt, as we all must feel, anxiety that those who emigrated to this country should not stray from the traditionary episcopate and hereditary faith of their birth, and by his pen the subject was brought into the encyclical of the Diet, and a form prepared of "commendatory letters" to our Bishops and Clergy. That same gentle spirit made him welcome any opening for a demonstrative unity with the Church of the United States. In every position in the Diet, among his peers, with the government or privately with the large-hearted King, in personal fellowship with me at the Table of the Lord, or in participation with my official acts for the English Congregation in Stockholm, the venerable Archbishop manifested so much truthful goodness and ingenuous effort as not only to endear him to myself and family in grateful affection, but make him worthy to be had in honor in the Church,

whose humble representative he was pleased to welcome in such Catholic love.

SELECTED ACTS AND INCIDENTS.

There are certain selected acts and incidents of the year which I venture to make suggestive of some remark.

First among these in time was a visit to New York in October, on a call of the House of Bishops for the supply of the vacancy in the Missionary Episcopate of the Southwest, caused by the translation of Bishop Lay to the Diocesan jurisdiction of Easton. This meeting synchronized with a meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, and the annual meeting of the Board of Missions. At the first named of these two an election took place of the Rev. Dr. Forbes to the office of permanent Dean. The creation of this office with its responsible relation to the personal religion of the students is one change of importance in the administration of that Institution. Larger changes impend, owing to the sale of its present site, and the removal from the city to a rural position. As the place of my own Theological novitiate, I feel deep interest in its honor and usefulness. But we owe as a Diocese special gratitude for the education of several of our candidates, and the liberal extension of beneficiary aid by the Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning.

Nor in this association would it be natural to forget Nashotah, the Institution of a sister Diocese indeed, in location, but the source of supply for our Western ministry of men trained in special adaptation. The management of the Institution is so flexible that peculiar cases are provided for without disturbing either its system or scholarship. Many of us can testify to the prompt benevolence of its officers and the

scope of its practical usefulness. The Diocesan feature is perhaps now of secondary import, but I trust that in the Provincial system, to which our Church is tending, the University, College, Seminary, and other endowments for common benefit, may belong to the Province, and expand in consequence with federate sympathy and strength.

The Board of Missions represents our whole Church, and is the organization created by its authority and the agent for its vital work. Its triennial sessions constitute a large labor of love at our General Convention. As it embraces the Church in its breadth, so in principle and practice the administration in detail has avoided partizanship, and through its Committees (certainly the Domestic) has fairly recognized the freedom of theological opinion. It is simply impossible that a society organized on avowed reasons of dissent and impeachment, should assume to share its work, without an antagonism injurious to the Catholic life of the Church, and with inevitable results of confusion and sorrow. Although the amount appropriated to the Diocese is now small, and while we have reason to complain at the exclusion of the Scandinavian Mission from help, because its principal Church happens to be in this city, we cannot forget that help to some extent has not failed us since we became a Diocese. I may, therefore, earnestly beg the congregations to sustain the three departments by regular collections in their behalf.

The election of a Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, one of remarkable unanimity, deprived our Diocese of a wise and trusted presbyter in the Rev. Henry N. Pierce, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's, Springfield. His consecration took place in Mobile in February, where for years Dr. Pierce had been an effective and loved

pastor. I assisted in the consecration, and preached the sermon on the occasion, enjoying a delightful week of Churchly and social fellowship with our Southern brethren.

On the invitation of the Bishop of Michigan, I was present at the consecration, November 10, of St. Andrew's Church, Ann Arbor, and preached the sermon. The edifice is chaste and effective. The material is derived from the boulders broken which the ice cars from the North have in past ages dropped over the prairie surface. The granite firmness and varied tints of the stone commended it to the taste of all present. It may be worthy of trial whether we cannot make useful in church building the boulders so largely distributed over our own State.

On the evening of November 25, I attended, by invitation, a pleasant meeting of young men of Trinity Church, Chicago, whom the Rector had associated with the combined object of their own intellectual and religious improvement, and as organized helpers in Parish work. In an address I touched on the subject of modes and places of amusement for young men, especially in our large cities and towns, which should be not only consistent with Churchly habits and religious character, but to some degree protective and promotive of both. The importance of the whole question of social recreation and amusement is obvious. It is engaging anxious thought and a large amount of empirical provision. The resolution of it by any direct agencies is beset with perplexity, where the principles as well as the forms are unsettled, and we must feel our way or force our way through a crowd of injurious associations, prejudices, and incidental moral obstructions. I am conscious of this perplexity in the matter of worldly amusements,

on which it is far easier to declaim and warn in the pulpit than to guide the individual case, or provide with wholesome freedom and constraint for the class. Every sectarian effort on the basis of rigid conformity and sumptuary prescription has failed; and the bodies which sustained, in their origin and for a time, these homogeneous restrictions have slipped out of them into plans and habits of low expediency and laxity. The present popular sociality which fits up kitchens and supper rooms in Church buildings, while it may be in harmony with the debased machinery of "charity" throughout, is sure to degrade communion into companionship, the mystical and sacramental into gregarious frivolity. I ventured on that occasion to express an opinion that the "Club" embodied the type and capacity for one practical movement in this direction. Taking the definition of that as an association on some fixed rules and common tastes, with the sharing of expense and a provision through co-operation of social means and advantages not to be attained by the individual, the "Church Club" might be so organized and sustained as to afford, with some agencies for good, at least a safer atmosphere for social intercourse, recreative games and reading than the contaminated and mainly vicious accessories in which some of these things are now sought and found.

The subject in larger scope was discussed in meetings of the Church Union in this city. The effect on my own mind of all was to increase the sense of its importance, but to bewilder as to its resolution, owing to the intrinsic complexity, the very divergent views expressed, the questionable amusements sanctioned in some congregations, and the final doubt whether the Church in her holy vocation could legitimately recognize public

amusement or private recreation as within her executive control. I do believe that the Church and the congregation has inalienable responsibility vested in the existing state of social and personal amusements to purify what the world may have debased; to contrive what may be expedient; and in the life and love of Jesus Christ meet and mould human nature as it is, with expedient regard to the requirements and instincts of the present. There is some ground for anxiety lest censurable indulgences may not exist in the "sociables" as they are called, and that, under the admitted need of Church use and religious control for the social element, we may be fostering it in forms which permit the world to overmaster the Church, and alloy the purity of her teaching and discipleship. I do not feel assured enough to advise at present any plans or rebuke distinctly supposed improprieties; "Happy is he who condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth."

On Sunday, December 19, in the Cathedral, I received into the ministry of our Church, John Christopher Fitnam, an ordained Priest of the Roman Catholic Communion. Mr. Fitnam had renounced Romanism several years before, and had been living as a lay communicant in this Diocese. The service was specially arranged for the occasion, mainly from an English use. The reconciliation of Priests of Rome to the Anglican communion might, with propriety, be provided for in our offices. But above all, we are deficient in places for the studious and devout retreat of such, and for those coming to us from the sectarian denominations, during the period of probation, where they could have suitable direction of study and oversight of life. The specific canon regulating the subject of the ordination of such applicants, (Tit. 1, Can. 5, § vi.),

which I have heard quaintly titled "The bounty act for Heresy and Schism," may be open to objection for the short term of candidateship. With its permitted six months of candidateship for "ministers in any other denomination of Christians," it offers the shortest possible road to the ministry of the Church, and the cheapest in attainment, by way of Methodism, the Baptists, or Universalism. In my own experience, not altogether small, I have found the case to be exceptive which the canon seems to contemplate, viz: that of the instructed and disciplined minister with well tried character and experience, conscientiously convinced on the matters of difference, impelled to mistrust his Presbyterian or Congregational Orders, and to seek, in consequence, at the hands of the Bishop a valid commission. The applications within our western sphere, originate more in prudential dissatisfaction with the denomination in which applicants may be, than from primary attraction to Catholic faith and order. As individuals, they often present, with good intentions and natural parts, deficiency in classical and literary education, crude, self-willed or unformed habits of action, with effects from past associations over manner, temper, pastoral and social intercourse and divine worship which tend to mar or demoralize the after professional life among us. No responsibility affects me more than the reception and ordination of candidates who thus fundamentally change their ecclesiastical position. I feel peculiar sympathy with the sacrifices and trials of such an uprooted life. I respect the brave fidelity to conscience which holds on through the dreariness of the void of old trusts before it is filled by the new fellowships. But on the other hand, I appreciate how needful it is that beyond the mere schooling on the facts of difference, there should

be the apprehension in head and heart of the churchly system. Each case to be honestly met for the applicant or the Church must be strictly individualized, and controlled by the judgment of the Bishop, frank and kind indeed as most bounden, but steady enough to the true Church standard not to be seduced by the sympathy of feeling and necessity which often hazes the special application. We require for such results, places of retreat and guidance—a refuge for the exigency—where, with beneficiary aid and culture adapted to the individual, we should be prepared to shelter and develop accessions from either the Roman or Protestant side.

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

There is a pending amendment to the Constitution of the General Church, which is referred to the Diocesan Conventions under Article IX of that document. It relates to a subject of fundamental importance to which peculiar attention has been directed for some years past: the increase of the Episcopate by the formation of new Dioceses within the bounds of our existing jurisdictions.

The proposed amendment is as follows:

"*Resolved*, That Article 5 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as following, viz:

"A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any territory thereof, not now represented, may, at any time hereafter be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese, to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions, viz:

"No new Diocese shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the Dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention, and such consent shall not be given by the General Convention until it has satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated new Diocese.

"No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than six Parishes or less than six Presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in a Parish or Congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than twelve Parishes or less than twelve Presbyters who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above mentioned; provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese.

"In case one Diocese shall be divided into two or more Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof, and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

"Whenever the division of a Diocese into two or more Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same shall be altered by the Convention of the Diocese."

This alteration has been very carefully considered by both Houses of the General Convention, and was reported by a Committee of Conference. I trust that it will meet the approval of this body.

FORMATION OF NEW DIOCESES.

I have more than a general interest in the subject, because I am assured that my own jurisdiction ought at no remote period to apply the provisions of this legislation in one at least if not two divisions of its territory. For some time past I have ventured to express a desire for this within the district lying south of the counties of Hancock, McDonough, Fulton, Mason, Tazewell, McLean, Ford and Iroquois, in order that, as the portion mainly interested, the Southern Churches might feel at liberty to move in the matter as they

might think proper. This line from East to West would divide the State into two parts. But the creation of two new Dioceses instead of one, should be carefully considered. The third Diocese might then comprehend the area lying west of the Illinois river to its junction with the Mississippi; and with its northern boundary on the south line of Mercer, Henry, and Bureau counties. The ecclesiastical centre of this strong and important district might be JUBILEE, where the College domain and appliances would constitute the basis of a vigorous establishment of the whole Cathedral system, and redeem as a power what under present circumstances must inevitably lie dormant.* If this three-fold division, which we may call "Springfield" and "Peoria," should be realized, then the large Southern portion would be ultimately divided East and West by the line now nearly discriminating the Middle Deanry, by the Northern lines of Madison, Marion, Clay, Richland and Lawrence. This, however, must be committed to another charge, and an undeveloped future. The rest is a practicable advance, and can be fulfilled if the Diocesan Church is brave in faith and resolute in charity.

The rupture of old bonds must be painful, I hope to some degree beyond my own breast. Therefore, I

* The proposition of a third Diocese, with the above limits, was added after the Address was prepared, principally at the suggestion of a valued Presbyter. Further reflection has induced me to suggest that the lines of division should be rather from East to West, and the map appended is marked to express this in addition to those named in the Address. The *Northern Boundary* of the Middle Diocese is expressed as the Southern line of the counties of Mercer, Henry, Bureau, Putnam, La Salle, Grundy and Will; and its *Southern Boundary* on the South line of Adams, Brown, Cass, Menard, Logan, DeWitt, Ford and Iroquois. The Southern Diocese would, in that event, be constituted of all South of that line, and be capable of the subdivision referred to in the Address, at some future period. Four Dioceses would thus be constituted with parallel bounds from East to West, across the five degrees through which the State extends from North to South, and leaves one or more principal Railroads running through the middle of each jurisdiction in both directions. The College Domain would probably remain federate or be arranged by the concurrent action of the Trustees and the Convention.

MAP
OF
SHOWING
PROPOSED BOUND
OF
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content myself with the assurance that I shall concur with what the Diocese may in its wisdom determine as to the expediency of the creation of new jurisdiction, whether by a two-fold or three-fold division of the existent territory, and be especially considerate of the interests of the part or parts most affected by the separation.

We must carefully guard against the possible construction, that the stronger would cut off the weaker, or act in any spirit other than that of hearty community in love and sacrifice. The main practical point is the satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated new Diocese. I must plainly say, that I cannot give my consent to any change in the jurisdiction until I am assured of the raising of an Episcopate fund which will permanently secure this object. There is wealth enough to accomplish it, and we have no reason to mistrust that men of property will be found who will liberally assist such an endowment. The whole Church in the Diocese should concur in the purpose of relative provision for both the old and new Diocese. A year's honest application of our Endowment Fund System, with earnest solicitation through Committees of influential laymen for special donations, would meet the exigency by the next general Convention.

With this brief statement, designed to free the question from the restraint of delicacy towards myself, to guard the question in reference to the rights and feelings of the churches concerned, and present explicitly the indispensable condition of a suitable provision for the support of the Diocesan Episcopate, I leave the whole to such Conventional or voluntary action as may be deemed expedient.

ADDITIONAL CYCLE.

The other subject sent from the General Convention is a table of the days on which Easter will fall, to supply the place of that in which the future has become the past. The nearly exhausted table expires with 1880, and the new one embraces the completion of the century. Our approval is merely a technical act.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The missionary work in the Diocese has gone on with a fair share of success, but with the same chronic drawback of infirmity and neglect to cripple and impede. The Board, with our Rural Deans as members, seems to me to be as well constituted for efficient results as we ought to desire. The impediments are not to be removed by any change in that direction. We require uniform exertion and conscientious obedience in the clergy and laity to the various canonical obligations. If the parishes were as ready to obey rule during the year, as we are ready to tinker machinery at Convention, the growth and love of the Church would be advanced. One year's honest, unflinching effort, by making collections soberly, as a normal part of parochial fellowship, would do more to develop confidence and cheer it with felt ability than any legislative or spasmodic action. No clergyman in charge of a parish or missionary station should look beyond himself to fault and complain, if under any plea whatever he fails to demand heartily and bravely at the appointed seasons the collections which the canons prescribe. If he does thus temporize and neglect, he may credit many a dishonorable failure at home, which sends a pang to his own heart, to the lax morality in his Master's cause in which he indulges himself and his people.

If our parishes (as a majority to all intents must be) are trained no higher than to regard diocesan claims as an imposition, and the assessments made before God in representative council as taxation to be shirked, or injustice to be denounced, then that same undisciplined conscience will regard salary as wages of which they may defraud the hireling without discredit, and the compact with their minister as a thing of formal and self-willed convenience. Let us not be afraid to use plain English. Will a man rob God?

The Board by Canon contains thirteen members. The immediate executive is left in the hands of the members in and about Chicago elected by the Convention. This is a practical necessity, in consequence of the obvious difficulty in assembling the whole Board with sufficient frequency when its membership is scattered broadly over the Diocese. It involves too much sacrifice of time and money to be expected continuously. The Dean, however, from his localized position is an excellent subsidary, and is able to keep the Executive Committee informed of details within his knowledge, and suggest, as he thinks fit, specific matters for consideration or action. He can always send to the Board tidings of the work and want within his District, as well as be present when convenient at the meetings. Hence there is provided, with reasonable efficiency, a prompt centralized agency with a breadth for impartial observation and local sympathy. The Executive Committee determined, by my advice and consent, to hold regular meetings monthly, and special ones, when convened by the Bishop. This arrangement provided business opportunities frequent and regular, and irrespective of the necessary absences of the Bishop. But after all, time after time there has failed to be a quorum,

either on regular or special calls, owing mainly to the conflicting engagements of both the Clergy and Laymen. No actual neglect of needful business may occur in consequence of this, but there is evident loss of heartiness in spirit and of aggressive influence for the parish collections by a more direct pressure of fact and feeling. Where is there not, however, exactly this delinquency in any voluntary organization, of the Church Vestries, Committees, Convocations, and even in the Annual Convention? We have no leisure class, and there are very few not so overworked as to have little leisure to bestow. What we suffer in the voluntary work of the Church is a common mishap largely unavoidable. We must accept it as a necessity, and forbear from criminating a single body or a system as defective, because individual attention cannot be secured with promptness and perseverance.

REPORTS OF RURAL DEANS.

I also adopt and present as further exhibit of the Missionary work, summary reports made to me by the Rural Deans; and in this connection beg to state that I have during the year appointed the Rev. I. L. Townsend, Rector of Jacksonville, to the Middle Deanry, in place of Dr. Pierce, consecrated Bishop; and the Rev. Edwin Coan, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo, to the Southern Deanry, in place of Rev. James W. Coe, resigned. These appointments are subject to the approval of the Convention.

NORTHERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. J. H. Rylance, D.D., Rural Dean.

To the Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D.D. LL. D.,
Bishop of Illinois:

Right Reverend Sir — According to the terms of my appointment as Dean, I respectfully submit a brief report of the field and the work committed in some measure to my care, for the year about to close.

Quarterly meetings of the Chapter have been held at Trinity Church, Chicago; at St. Mark's, Geneva; at Christ Church, Waukegan, and at St. James', Chicago. These, with one exception, were well attended by the Clergy. But few Laymen have shown any interest in Missionary work by their personal presence at these meetings or at the Convocations appointed in the Parishes and Mission Stations. These Convocations have been appointed for every Parish in the Deanry, with delegations of Clergymen and Laymen. How many have been held, and with what results, it is impossible for me to say, inasmuch as the returns required by the Chapter have in only a few instances been made to the Dean. In many instances, as I happen to know, good meetings have been held, with marked benefits to the Parishes, to the cause of Missions, and to those, who, at considerable self-sacrifice in some instances, have attended as Delegates. Among these, I think I ought to name our faithful Secretary, Mr. F. F. Hilder.

It should be confessed that it is difficult to work effectively this system of Convocations over so wide an area, with Parishes so remotely situated outside of Chicago, involving a good deal of cost in time and money to those who faithfully keep their appointments. The Parish Clergy, too, find it almost or wholly impossible at times, to leave their own specified duties and engage in the general outlying work of the Church. A fact which will explain much of our seeming failure, pertaining both to the Clergy and to the Laity, is this: We live in an overworked age, and in an overworked country, and amid the crowds of claims upon men's time and strength, some will suffer neglect. If a band of Laymen could be formally enrolled for this service, bearing some sort of regular commission from the Bishop, it might help to give consistency and reliableness to work. I believe, thoroughly, that our aim should be to bring devout and gifted Laymen more and more into zealous co-operation with the Clergy in attempting to carry the Gospel into the neglected parts of our Diocese. And I believe a much larger measure of success may be obtained in this direction than we have hitherto secured.

Mr. Arvedson and Mr. Glass have been doing effective Missionary service in their respective spheres, as also several of the regular Parochial Clergy, particularly Mr. Goodhue, of Sterling.

The compensation or aid extended to the two former by the Missionary Board is so small and precarious, that I fear one or both will be unable to continue their services, unless they are more liberally and

more faithfully supported. The last Chapter meeting felt unanimously that the promises made to our Missionaries should be fully redeemed; that the *pro rata* condition should be abolished, that men might know what they had to rely upon when they accepted service as Missionaries. As it is, a good deal of disappointment and suffering have been experienced by the failure of the Board to pay the small amount promised.

The amount of money raised this year I fear is small. The Treasurer's Report will show; but I believe to insure a more reliable revenue for our Diocesan Missions, the regular quarterly collections should be looked to, which I believe in many Parishes have fallen into utter neglect.

J. H. RYLANCE, *Dean.*

St. James' Rectory, Chicago, Sept. 1, 1870.

NORTH-WESTERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, D. D., Rural Dean.

The undersigned begs to present the following Report of the working of the Deanry and Chapter for the last Conventional year:

Meetings of the Chapter have been held in St. Paul's, Peoria, the Church of the Redeemer, Princeton, Grace Church, Galesburg, and St. John's, Kewanee.

At such meetings, all Clergymen resident, or doing duty within the Deanry, are expected to be present, and also Laymen from each Parish and Missionary Station.

These Chapter meetings, in their scope and purposes, embrace all Church work, whether Parochial, Missionary or Educational; they are especially designed to evoke and cast into activity the Lay element of the Church, and place it in its normal relation of sympathy and energy in the Church's aggressive work. In this relation, the interest and efficiency of the Chapter has been largely increased, and made itself felt as a power, at least in the Parishes where its meetings have been held, by the presence and countenance of two active Laymen in the Church, Judge Otis and Mr. George P. Lee, of Chicago.

Missionary Convocations have also been held in almost every Parish and Missionary Station in the Diocese. These have been attended by one or more of the Clergy, and such Laymen as could be induced to give them their aid and countenance. The object of these Convocations has been to infuse and excite to action Missionary effort, not merely so far as Parish work is involved, but for aggressive work in other and destitute places. They were, furthermore, especially designed to raise funds for Missionary operations generally in the Diocese. But the latter relation, that of raising funds, may be regarded almost inthe light of a failure, and eminently so if we take into account the sacrifice of the attending Clergyman, pecuniary and otherwise, in being absent from his own charge on Sunday.

This circumstance led to a change of policy at the third Chapter meeting, viz.: instead of appointing Convocations in the several Parishes of this Deanry for *raising funds*, the Chapter placed all remote Parishes and Missionary Stations under the charge and supervisions of Clergymen residing in their vicinity, for such services on Sundays or week days as should be in their power; and at the same time recommended to Parishes and Stations, universal attention to the Quarterly collections required by Canon for Missionary purposes.

This arrangement, while it has not materially diminished Missionary contributions, has largely increased the Missionary work of the Deanry; many places, which, in the present relations of the Missionary work of the Diocese, would have dropped out not merely from the sympathy, but the knowledge of the Church, have been supplied with frequent services.

I am unable to report at this time the number of services thus rendered. I can only give the following statistics:

Number of Clergymen in the Deanry	15
" Organized Parishes	15
" Missionary Stations	7
" Communicants	750

I beg to suggest that "the working of the Deanry and its Chapter," as set forth above, or some similar plan, would prove more effective, if it had the sanction of Conventional Legislation, especially as it regards reports of strictly Missionary services, whether rendered by Missionaries of the Diocesan Board or otherwise. If such reports embraced only statistics, they would be of essential service in planning and prosecuting the work of Church extension.

I would also suggest that the Deanry, in its Missionary relation, be put into more lively sympathy and immediate co-operation with the Board of Missions for the Diocese. This could be successfully accomplished by having the Board, either by its own members, or others appointed by them, represented in each Chapter meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL CHASE, *Dean.*

EASTERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. THEODORE N. MORRISON, D. D., Rural Dean.

RIGHT REVEREND SIR:

During the past Conventional year, the Parochial and Missionary work of this Deanry, has been faithfully performed, and steadily progressing. While having to lament our inability to improve all our opportunities for Church growth and extension, we are thankful that a real, and, we trust, a permanent advance has been made.

The quarterly meetings of our Chapter have been regularly held, and as numerously attended on the part of the Clergy as could be expected. Thus far the Laity have failed to manifest much interest in

our proper Decanal work. This is to be accounted for, in a measure, by the fact that so few of our gentlemen are freed from the necessity or pressure of secular pursuits. One of the great questions before us is, how can we draw out the sympathy and activity of the Laity, for the furtherance of the local and general interests of the Church. In too many instances the Clergyman stands almost alone in his labors. On him falls the burden of things temporal and spiritual. With little sympathy, and less assistance, he bears aloft and carries forward the banner of the Cross. Can this indifference on the part of the Laity be removed, and the evil remedied?

No new Missionary ground has been occupied during the past year. Services have been held as opportunity has offered, in places having already enjoyed the privileges of the Church. I have visited El Paso, administered the Holy Communion, and baptized six children. Others of the Clergy have held services in this and other places, and administered the Ordinances of the Church.

Some regularly organized Parishes within the Deanry are vacant. In several instances the difficulty in providing for the support of a Rector, and in others the lukewarmness of the parishoners, is the cause of this. By hearty and combined effort, some of the vacant Parishes might be supplied. In all of them, week-day services would be held, if such services were desired.

In the Parishes having Rectors, there has been manifest progress; if not all we could wish, yet enough to encourage with the assurance that our "labor is not in vain in the Lord." St. Matthew's Parish, Bloomington, has provided for the payment of a long standing debt of nearly thirty-five hundred dollars, and is looking to the time when a new site can be purchased, and a Church built commensurate with the wants of the Parish and the rapid growth of the city. The Vestry of Christ Church, Joliet, have been forced, by the increased attendance, to enlarge their building. The work is now in progress. A plan for a new and beautiful stone Church, at Ottawa, has been adopted by the Vestry, the building of which will be immediately commenced. At Lockport, fresh life has been infused into the congregation; and the old Church, after having been repaired at a cost of several hundred dollars, has been removed to the rear of the lot, and a new stone edifice will soon grace its former site. A Church is being built at Lenox, Will County, and will soon be ready for occupation. The Church School at Kankakee, is in a flourishing condition, extending and strengthening its influence for sound Christian education. At Marseilles, a neat and substantial Rectory has been built, which places the young and vigorous Parish at this point in a condition of stability and increasing importance.

The Parishes at Wilmington and Onarga have lately received new Rectors. The work of Christ and His Church is prospering under their wise and energetic administration. Rev. Mr. Safford, at Wilmington, has been casting about for Missionary work within a convenient distance of his Parish. The Rev. Mr. Steel, of Onarga, has extended his labors to Rantoul, beyond the limits of this Deanry, at which place a desirable property has been purchased, and the building altered so as

to make it entirely convenient for Church services. At Momence, the work on the Church has been commenced, and the expectation is to enclose it the present season. Thus slowly, but surely, does the Church "enlarge the place of her tents and stretch forth the curtains of her habitations; lengthen her cords, and strengthen her stakes."

T. N. MORRISON.

MIDDLE DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. I. L. Townsend, Rural Dean.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:

If this be a proper place to introduce statistics of this Deanry, I would observe that it embraces in its area more than one-fourth of the Diocese of Illinois. It is larger than any one of thirteen existing Dioceses in the United States, that might be named, and than four others, and twice a fifth combined. It about equals in population two of the Dioceses; surpasses any one of ten Dioceses and four Missionary Jurisdictions, and four of those Dioceses which we might select, united. Everywhere, throughout its length and breadth, Protestant and Papal sects are firmly rooted, having schools and houses of worship, and ministers without stint. While to do the work of Her Divine Head, in this vast territory, with these overwhelming odds against Her, the Church has but six Parishes of any material strength; as many Church edifices; one Parochial School building (unoccupied); five resident Clergymen, and about 400 Communicants, all told. What more than these facts can any Churchman ask to stimulate him to renewed effort in this portion of our Lord's Vineyard.

I received my commission as Dean, February 22d, 1870. I presumed the first thing to be done would be to organize the Chapter, and to that end, wrote the reverend Clergy that same day. A meeting was called in March, in St. John's Church, Decatur. Only the Rector of the Parish, myself, and one Cleryman, supplying a vacant Parish, but not then belonging to the Diocese, attended the services. Of course, no organization could be effected. It was determined to attempt to hold another meeting in June, but a circumstance beyond my control prevented. I spent the month of July in the East, and on my return, sought a place for meeting, but none was found until too late for it to take place before the Diocesan Convention. I regret, therefore, that I must report that the Chapter is still unorganized.

I presume my reverend brethren will report the Missionary work done by them. I am unadvised regarding it. I have visited Petersburg five times since my appointment, holding evening service and preaching, and baptizing one infant, on week days. At the request of the Bishop, I visited Lincoln and held service in company with Rev. H. G. Perry, who preached; but this mission properly comes under the care of the Rector of Springfield. I have also spent one Sunday

at Waverly, holding services both morning and afternoon. I shall take that little flock under my care until better provision can be made for it.

I have endeavored to carry out the instructions of my commission as means and opportunity allowed, particularly in the dissemination of Church literature. Church Press Companies are now furnishing just the tracts we need for aggressive work, and we can hardly make sufficient use of that efficient istrumentality.

In dwelling upon the field and work assigned me, I have been led to doubt whether the plan of holding *public* services, where we had but a handful of Church people, was expedient. Might it not be better to gather the little flock in some dwelling belonging to one of their number, and there hold services which shall be more edifying to their souls, and more encouraging than our present method of making a public display of *our Church's weakness* in that location? Could we not, by the suggested method, become better acquainted with our own people; learn thus, who from outside really intended to co-operate with us, form our plans for united work, quietly acquire property, and thus *prepare*, so that when we challenge public observation, it shall be, not as suppliants for a doubtful sympathy, but as those who are conscious of a measure of *accomplished purpose and growing strength?* I simply make the suggestion, but might enlarge on many points connected with it. And now, without money, clerical assistance, known or recognized authority—I sometimes fear with but little sympathy—not to mention my own keenly felt deficiencies, I cannot but feel myself poorly equipped for what seems to be my duty to the Church, and at times almost forced to ask to be relieved. And yet the Great Head of the Church requires of us only that we do what we can; and when we remember that He Himself compares His Kingdom to leaven and a grain of mustard seed, we thank God and take courage. God helping us, let us learn to *wait!*

Your son and servant in the Church of God,

I. L. TOWNSEND, *Dean.*

Jacksonville, Sept. 1, A. D. 1870.

WESTERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. Sidney Corbett, B. D., Rural Dean.

Quincy, August, 1870.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir:

Only a few changes have occurred in this Deanry since our last Report. In territory, we embrace eight Counties. In clerical force we number only three Presbyters and one Deacon. We also have one licensed Lay Reader, under the immediate guidance of the Dean. Our working force is mournfully small, and appears all the more deplorable, because the Macedonian cry reaches us from every quarter, "Come over and help us." We cannot, however, shut our eyes to the selfish fact,

that most of those who ask for help, ask that it may be gratuitously contributed. Churchmen in this Deanry, as a rule, are not alive to the knowledge that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and hence we are privy to the fact that men of brains have been invited to become Rectors of Parishes, at starvation stipends. Of course, so long as professed Churchmen attempt to carry on the Master's work without *cost*, just *so* long must we be forced to transmit to our Ordinary beggarly reports of the growth and extension of the Church. The entire Deanry cordially sympathizes with the Parish at Warsaw, in the loss it has sustained in the resignation and departure of the good and erudite Doctor Reynolds, its late Rector. Whilst, however, we deplore his going from our immediate midst, we rejoice he continues in the Diocese. I went to Griggsville to hold service according to a previous appointment, but, upon arrival, learned no arrangements had been made for services, and consequently abandoned the plan. Since then, the Methodists have offered us their place of worship for any future services we may wish to hold. I was at Pittsfield, where I held a special afternoon baptismal service. I also held an evening service, on which occasion I preached, baptized, and, after sermon, addressed the congregation upon the importance of its electing a Rector upon the plan of seeing for how *much*, rather than for how *little* it could secure one. I have since been gratified to learn that the Parish acted upon that theory, and now has one placed over it in the Lord.

We feel positive the Church is exerting a wider influence than formerly in this section of the Diocese, and many of the narrow prejudices that once existed against it, are one by one tottering and falling, in consequence of "the pure and undefiled religion," *lived* by the faithful.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SIDNEY CORBETT, *Rural Dean.*

To Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., etc., Bishop of Illinois.

SOUTH-WESTERN DEANRY.

REPORT OF

The Rev. C. S. Abbott, Rural Dean.

Rt. Rev. H. J. Whitehouse, D. D., &c.:

Right Reverend and Dear Sir — As Rural Dean of the South-Western Deanry, I beg leave to report that, with the little clerical help within the bounds of the Deanry, I have endeavored to strengthen some weak points, and, through the grace of God, think something has been accomplished for the Church. Since my last report, Rev. Mr. Gibson has removed from us, but his place at Jerseyville and Carrollton has been supplied by Rev. H. G. Perry, so that the working force of the Clergy is the same as last year. Unity of action and harmony characterize us in our work, and all of us alike seem to take interest in doing all that, with our slender abilities, can be done. At Carlyle, Rev. Mr. Adderly, under the direction of the Decanal Chapter, has

been visiting once a month. At this place a lot has been purchased for the erection of a Church building, and some funds for this purpose are also in the hands of the people, and until they are able to accomplish their desire in this respect, a hall has been rented and fitted up for holding Divine service, the entire control of it being with the Church, so that it is not to be used for any other purpose. At Edwardsville, nothing has been done of consequence during the past year. A lot and some brick have been purchased for the new Church, to take the place of the old one sold with your permission, but the scarcity of money has prevented anything further being done. I have the promise that this fall, or next spring, if there comes an ease in the money market, the work of building shall go on. East St. Louis is a new point for us, but one the importance of which I do not think can be overrated. It is a suburb of a large city, and when the bridge across the Mississippi river is completed, it seems to me it must grow into one of the large and important cities of Illinois. The Church people here are not possessed of pecuniary ability, most of them being mechanics engaged in the various railroad shops; but they have purchased a lot, on which they are putting up a building for temporary use, which will be finished in about a month. Rev. Mr. Dresser has been visiting here once a month for the past few months. A place like this ought to have regular service and a settled minister; it is a pity the Church is not able to put the right man there, and so assist the few people of little means, as to furnish a good support. For the present, they can raise perhaps five hundred dollars for this purpose, and my judgment is for them to be united with Collinsville, about twelve miles distant on the Vandalia & Terre Haute Railroad, where about one hundred and fifty dollars can be raised for service once a month, the Diocesan Missionary Board appropriating sufficient to make a salary of at least one thousand dollars. Collinsville is an old Parish, but very feeble in numbers and ability, yet there is Church life among the people. The few ladies have kept up the Sunday School and a Sewing Society, and unlike most places, instead of raising a little sum for Ministerial service, and then dictating who and what they must have, as if they were the largest and wealthiest Parish in the country, they are thankful for anything. There were five candidates for confirmation last spring, one of who mis a gentleman who will, I think, prove useful to the Church. I have already intimated what I think can and ought to be done for the place. The town is a thriving one of about sixteen hundred inhabitants, and with proper exertion I have no doubt but the Parish will grow. Our last Decanal Chapter was held here, with much pleasure and satisfaction to the members of the Chapter. Bunker Hill and Gillespie have received but little attention from us the past year. At the former place, a Decanal Chapter was held, and it was thought best by all to make no attempt for the present to have occasional services from the Deanry, but for the people to subscribe as if for a regular Minister, and place the sum thus raised to the credit of the Building Fund, of which they have a thousand dollars in hand. A subscription was at once established for this purpose.

Nothing permanent can be done here, I am persuaded, until a Church is erected.

I believe this portion of the Diocese, if properly cared for, would in a reasonable time develope much Church strength, and show as much fruit as any other. When it is considered that but little or no attention has been paid to it in the way of Missionary appropriations, and but few workers have labored in it, the wonder is, not that there is so little Church strength, but that there is any Church life at all. I trust a brighter day is beginning to dawn for Southern Illinois.

Respectfully,

C. S. ABBOTT,
Rural Dean, S. W. Deanry.

ALTON, Ill., Sept., 1870.

THE CATHEDRAL.

The Cathedral has steadily done its work with some advance in material fitness, with testimonies of the Divine blessing, and kind acceptance of its free ministrations. But the event most significant, and of import so strange and deep that I hardly yet realize its fulfillment, is the payment by individual gifts of all remaining indebtedness on the property, amounting to seventeen thousand dollars. It is easy to appreciate that this fact secures the perpetuity of the work, and will thus commit the system with a sufficient building and accessories—an heir-loom to my successors. A very few gentlemen originated this successful effort during my absence in Europe, and have borne the responsibility of its execution. They deserve the hearty thanks of the Church for offering themselves on what I had come despondently to regard as a "forlorn hope." The account which they give of their mission testifies to the cheerfulness of the gifts, the sincere interest of many who had not the ability to give, the sympathy expressed for the Cathedral as an agency of good, and affectionate auguries of its enlarged blessing and permanent honor.

In our internal administration we have suffered the

loss of the trained ability and conscientious diligence of Canon Magill in the Church and Schools, who has been induced by a call to a Parish in Indiana, to change his place of ministry. He has been succeeded in the school by Mr. Adrian Zimmerman, a graduate of Trinity, Dublin, and candidate for Holy Orders. He brings to the administration full ability and experience. A new building on the Cathedral ground is advancing to completion for the girls' school. Both schools are opening this season favorably, and I have confidence that through them we shall be able to afford a proper culture to the young minds and hearts committed to our care.

The services of the Cathedral are performed with simplicity, in the ordinary method of Cathedral use since the reformation, but with remarkable skill and taste in the choir. This numbers about thirty men and boys, is an organized body with its own rules and oversight, and providing its own expenses. The discipline secures more than musical proficiency. It proves influential for moral order and personal piety, witnessed alike by the individual deportment, the reverence in sanctuary duties, and the number from the Stalls, who on each communion kneel at the Altar rail.

The statistics of the parochial life of the Cathedral will be attached in the reports of my helping clergy who have borne their burthen each in his place.

THE REVISION OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE.

There has been a movement originated in the Convocation of Canterbury, with a definite organization to execute it, for *the Revision of the English Bible.*

For two centuries and a half has the English Bible been the pride and blessing of all who speak that tongue. It has gone from generation to generation,

loved, revered and trusted; the effective source of refinement, knowledge, light, comfort, joy, and holiness to millions. It has spread with the English race, and irradiated continents and "the islands of the sea" with its ancestral and living beauty. It has permeated all devotional writings and every agency by which the individual soul is disciplined and illuminated. It is printed on the memory of childhood, and the eye of age is young in the sanctified light of the unblurred record. It is a vast net-work, bright as the rainbow of the Throne, spread over the broken world of English Christendom, and binds it in mystical brotherhood. Its language and style, in glorious poetry and sweet story, visions of the seer and psalmody of inspired harp, narrative, history, lyric, in Gospels of the God-man, and Epistles of the Comforter and Remembrancer, have spoken in our own tongue wherein we were born, to our fathers' fathers and to us, "the wonderful works of God." Scholarship and taste in each age have lauded the supremacy of its literary purity until it hardly admits of question that our grand old translation made under James, is the best ever made in any modern tongue; while deep-toned faith has often realized in this pre-eminence a peculiar superintendence of the Divine spirit.

Of course it is not perfect; and while I do not believe that our age could originate one as good, we may admit that the advanced state of criticism and emendated text has shown mistakes and faults. These have been frequently indicated, and the subject of revision has been agitated with earnest ability. My own instincts hold on against such an undertaking, in the present state of the Anglican communion, and I cannot help

seriously doubting whether any effect of nicer accuracy will compensate for the strange moral shock that would be caused for a long time by an authorized critical emendation. It is easier to say, in view of the accomplishment of such work of revision, "we must never be reminded that we are not hearing the old version," than to secure such an ignoring acceptance. The instinctive attention will pick out and feel the changes, if they are worth anything. An amended version must long sound in the sanctuary as mistakes in reading or as private comment, and will open continued critical discussions on the changes, in place of the reverential listening to the unchangeable, now our practical habit. To the large mass of English Christians, the version holds now the ground of an original. Hebrew, Chaldee and Greek, manuscripts and various readings are unrecognized, all swallowed up in the reverence of our head and heart for the "Word of God." Continental Christians almost taunt our absolute reverence for the Scriptures.

This quiet emendation, which is thus to glide on with welcome, unperceived save as a new aroma or a sweeter tone, is a mere ideal. The attempt at revision will evoke all manner of discussion; arouse slumbering dogmatic and historic controversy; challenge rationalism to the strife, as well as conservative learning; open old feuds, and provoke new issues; until, if anything important is attempted, the result may be several versions instead of one, and the Anglican communion itself be perplexed and divided on the subject. It must be obvious then that before "companies" are formed in England to set about the work, there is a preliminary question as to the propriety of it at all, and

the propriety of undertaking it now, and at once. Are none interested in this, save the honored convocation of Canterbury? Is it all to be concluded in a motion and debate before that body? Is it to be mere discretionary impulse, and that a late one, to add, after dissent at home and Unitarianism, some scholars of the sister churches? How has this strange thing happened, done by the large-hearted, high-toned men, who gathered at the Lambeth Conference and sent out its world-wide missive? That very meeting was planned and sanctioned on the ground of this common vested interest in the vernacular Scriptures and the creeds; and that the care of them, in printed text or revision, was the inviolable trust of the whole Anglican communion.

I am startled by this independent, conclusive action by a part, on a subject of inherent right for the whole. I am bewildered by its seeming conflict with our recognized oneness. I am painfully sensitive to the jar it gives to the sympathies of the Church; and with such fears and pain, while there may be chance of retrieving change, I venture to speak plainly. None of us would disallow the right of the Convocation of Canterbury to originate, under the concurrent approval of their venerable Houses, the question of a Revision of the English Translation, to discuss it, to afford the whole Church the benefit of their exemplary learning and devotion, and be the initiative leader of the successive steps. But we should expect at least, that the expediency of this Revision, as an open question, should be sent from them to every sister and colonial church. That every subsequent step, if the present necessity and propriety of Revision be affirmed, should be conducted by a joint representative company after approved arrangements of

the limits, and the rule within which it should be restrained.

We may be mistaken in the view which we are thus compelled to take of the moral bearing and hazardous assumption of this movement of the Convocation. The prudence of the "companies" may abate the perilous tendencies, but we cannot run the risk of seeming to be indifferent or acquiescent. It is not too late for the suspension of the matter altogether. At the least there is room for the disavowal of any purpose beyond a voluntary contribution by eminent and selected Divines, of material to assist and exemplify a more perfect translation; thus to bring the subject more influentially before the branches of the Anglican Church, and prepare the way with justly respected influence for a more intelligent appreciation of the solemn undertaking.

DIOCESAN.

We have great cause to be thankful for the general condition of the Diocese, which, united, and as an organized body, is increasing in strength and influence. My official work has hardly been equal to my expectations, for, in consequence of a sudden voyage to Europe, and the loss of a couple of months which had been appropriated to active Diocesan travel, several Parishes have not had their annual visitation, and perhaps two hundred remain to be confirmed who would properly have fallen within the statistics of the year. I trust that this statistical derangement is the amount of the injury, and that I can retrieve it by autumn visitations, which in the actual system of my annual labor will afford me material for Parochial visitation at a season of the year very favorable, but in which ordinarily, but few scattered places can be prepared.

CONFIRMATIONS.

Confirmations have been administered in the following places, with the results affixed:

1870.			1870.		
Jan.	4, Lincoln	8	Apr.	3, St. Mark's, Chicago..	12
"	5, Springfield	8	"	3, St. John's, Chicago..	17
"	6, Jacksonville	6	"	4, Naperville	5
Feb.	6, Ascension, Chicago..	14	"	7, Racine College	11
"	13, Atonement, Chicago.	12	"	10, St. James', Chicago..	19
"	16, Joliet	9	"	10, Grace Ch., Chicago..	24
"	22, Geneseo	3	"	11, Ascension, Chicago..	21
"	24, Tiskilwa	9	"	12, Our Saviour, Chicago	5
"	25, Ottawa	13	"	13, Epiphany, Chicago..	5
"	28, Geneva	1	"	14, St. Ansgarius'	29
Mar.	1, Sycamore	4	"	15, Calvary	11
"	2, Dixon	5	"	17, Cathedral	43
"	3, Morrison	9	"	19, Aurora	12
"	4, Freeport	8	"	20, Kankakee	21
"	9, Galena	18	"	21, Momence	3
"	10, Rockford	7	"	24, St Stephen's, Chicago	13
"	11, Belvidere	6	"	24, Harlem	3
"	14, Waukegan	14	"	25, Geneva	7
"	18, Marseilles	5	"	Decatur	9
"	22, Alton	5	"	Danville	10
"	23, Carlinville	4	May	5, Sterling	5
"	24, Bloomington	8	"	29, Trinity, Chicago	24
"	27, Christ Ch., Chicago.	41	Sept.	11, Cathedral	10
"	29, Knoxville	5		From Ascension	3
"	29, Galesburg	24		All Saints'	1
"	30, Galva	5			
"	30, Kewanee	10		Total	600
Mar.	31, Princeton	6			

In the following places there was no confirmation:

January 4, Petersburg; January 23, Rock Island; March 1, DeKalb; March 4, Fulton.

There have been seven confirmations in private of persons dangerously ill.

LETTERS DIMISSORY GRANTED.

Clergy transferred by Dimissory Letters from this Diocese:

The Rev. FREDERICK W. BOYD, to Iowa.

The Rev. THOMAS G. CARVER, D. D., to Indiana.

The Rev. WILLIAM H. COOPER, D. D., to Iowa.
The Rev. ALBERT A. FISKE, Deacon, to Wisconsin.
The Rev. JOHN C. FITNAM, to Colorado.
The Rev. EDWARD H. HARLOWE, to Iowa.
The Rev. PHILIP A. JOHNSON, to Missouri.
The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, to Tennessee.
The Rev. GEORGE J. MAGILL, to Indiana.
The Rev. J. H. WATERMAN, Deacon, to Missouri.
The Rev. JAMES A. WOODWARD, to Iowa.
The Rev. A. J. YEATER, Deacon, to Missouri.

In addition, the Rev. HENRY N. PIERCE, D. D., has been consecrated Missionary Bishop of Arkansas and the Indian Territory.

CLERGY RECEIVED.

The following Clergy have been received into this Diocese:

The Rev. ANDREW JAMES BARROW, from Pennsylvania.
The Rev. EDWIN COAN, from Wisconsin.
The Rev. THOMAS K. COLEMAN, from Ohio.
The Rev. ELIJAH H. DOWNING, from New Hampshire.
The Rev. THOMAS B. FAIRCHILD, from Ohio.
The Rev. WILLIAM FULLER, from Pittsburgh.
The Rev. FRANK M. GREGG, from Indiana.
The Rev. JONAS GREENE, from Iowa.
The Rev. WILLIAM INGRAM MAGILL, from Connecticut.
The Rev. HENRY G. PERRY, from California.
The Rev. ROBERT RYALL, from Indiana.
The Rev. HENRY SAFFORD, from Wilmington.
The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, from Tennessee.

The Rev. Wm. E. Walker, Deacon, Wisconsin.

The Rev. John Christopher Fitnam, from the Roman Catholic Church.

CANDIDATES FOR ORDERS.

Frederick C. Whitehouse, James Cornell, Edward Toll, Thomas North, of previous report.

CANDIDATES ADMITTED.

Frank H. Potts, full qualifications.

Adrian Zimmerman, A. B., full qualifications.

George H. Higgins, full qualifications.

—— Ryder, from Presbyterian Ministry, and Theodore Nairne Morrison.

I have since removed Mr. Ryder, for moral causes, from the list of Candidates.

DIACONATE.

Of the number reported last year, none have been ordained Deacon, leaving the present number eight.

ORDINATION—PRIESTHOOD.

One ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. J. Nelson Hume, M. D., has taken place.

The service was held at the Cathedral, the Candidate presented by Canon Magill, who, with Mr. Knowles, joined in the laying on of hands.

NOTICES OF DISCIPLINE.

Notices of Deposition from other Dioceses:

The Rev. Edward B. Allen, Presbyter, Ecclesiastical Authority, Massachusetts.

The Rev. R. H. Bourne, Ecclesiastical Authority, New York.

The Rev. John Cosby, Presbyter, Ecclesiastical Authority, Virginia.

The Rev. J. Cromblish, Presbyter, Ecclesiastical Authority, New York.

The Rev. Thomas Goelet Haughton, Ecclesiastical Authority, North Carolina.

The Rev. W. H. Harlow, Ecclesiastical Authority, Long Island.

The Rev. Charles H. Rice, Presbyter, Ecclesiastical Authority, Nebraska.

The Rev. A. McElroy Wylie, Presbyter, Ecclesiastical Authority, Long Island.

CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Changes of Cure within the Diocese:

The Rev. Andrew James Barrow is Rector of St. Mark's, Evanston, but has, within a few days, resigned, and is without Cure.

The Rev. March Chase, Minister at Charleston, is Rector of St. Stephen's, Chicago.

The Rev. Edwin Coan is Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Cairo.

The Rev. James W. Coe has resigned Cairo, and has accepted Holy Trinity, Danville.

The Rev. Thomas K. Coleman, Minister at Charleston, Coles County.

The Rev. Charles P. Dorset, from St. Stephen's, Chicago, to Ascension, Chicago.

The Rev. Elijah H. Downing, Rector of Grace Church, Galena.

The Rev. Thomas H. Eddy, Polo and Lee Center.

The Rev. Thomas B. Fairchild, Rector of St. John's, Kewanee.

The Rev. GEORGE GIBSON, from Jerseyville, &c., to Fulton.

The Rev. FRANK M. GREGG, Rector of St. Paul's, Springfield.

The Rev. A. W. GLASS, Deacon, Missionary on Dixon Air Line Railroad.

The Rev. J. NELSON HUME, M. D., Rector of St. Stephen's, Pittsfield.

The Rev. MATTHEW MAGILL, Henry.

The Rev. PHILIP MCKIM, from Lewistown to St. John's, Decatur.

The Rev. WM. INGRAM MAGILL, Christ Church, Harlem.

The Rev. HENRY S. PERRY, Jerseyville and Carrollton.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. REYNOLDS, residing in Chicago.

The Rev. ROBERT RYALL, Rector of Zion Church, Mendon.

The Rev. HENRY SAFFORD, Rector of Redeemer, Wilmington.

The Rev. WILLIAM M. STEEL, Rector of Trinity Church, Onarga.

The Rev. WILLIAM THOMPSON, from Kewanee to Grace Church, Galesburg.

The Rev. ROBERT TREWARTHA, Deacon, from Chester to Paris, Edgar County.

The Rev. WILLIAM E. WALKER, Deacon, Trinity Church, Geneseo.

STATISTICS.

The average statistics of the Diocese are as follows:

Number of Clergy, last year		89
Received by letters dimissory	14	
Settled, dimissory letters not received	2	
Receptions from Roman Catholic Church	1—17	
Removed by letter dimissory	12	
By consecration	1—13	
Present number	93	
Three resident without settlement	3—96	
Candidates for orders		9
Confirmations, public	53	
" private	8—61	
Number confirmed		600
Corner stone laid at Aurora		1
Number of Parishes and places visited		61
Consecration of Church		1
Ordination to Priesthood		1

CONCLUSION.

It is natural for us to regard our own age, and the portion of it with which we may be more immediately in contact, as eminently peculiar. To a certain degree, this feeling (for it is often little more), may naturally be a mistaken one. And we may the more readily admit this, because it has happened in every modern social state at least, that the living minds in contact with its struggles, or depressed by its moral obstructions, have either been lifted to the expectation of the permanent solution of its questions and facts, or been sadly prophetic that all was to be swallowed up in an abyss of wickedness and disorder. But after all, the conviction of speciality is far from being imaginary. Each age is charged with its share of the complex problems and powers of modern civilization and revealed religion, and must be necessarily a peculiar age. It is original; a new and undeveloped life, no matter how much its constitution, activity or morbid debility may assimilate in a philosophical review, to the average of historic

humanity. But we, of all past conditions, have the most reason to arrogate this for our broad common life, with the empirical changes we have originated, and which we are driving on, or by which we are driven. Whether in the overturn of the old with revolutionary energy, or the creation of new combinations; whether in the exaggerated development of the individual, or the factitious dependence into which it groups; whether amid the gigantic powers of material progress, or the breaking up of the old restraints of traditionary opinion; whether we exult in the current, swift to madness, or are baffled by its whirlpools and chutes—we hazard nothing in assuming that there never has been era more portentous and conflict deployed over a wider field, and issues more conclusive to be wrought and vindicated, than inhere in our own land, and our own relative responsibility as citizens and Churchmen. From my standpoint, these are not to be separated. They cohere in the mould to shape us, and the principles to direct us. Your birthright, or an equivalent franchise, has made you the first, and God's electing love has given you the calling of the other. My office and the occasion allow me to assume the latter as the dominant, and to offer my concluding hints to you for reflection and guidance as Ministers and Laymen of the Church of God, in its Anglican branch, in these United States.

There are two conditions to be constantly regarded in the Body of Christ. The one to defend, perpetuate and use the principles and institutions, which cannot be changed; the other to be vitally adaptive for the claims of the time and circumstances.

The first requires "the unshrinking inculcation of a definite positive faith and body of doctrine, as the

first command of God; the primary condition of Christianity; the only base of its moral virtues; the only key to all spiritual mysteries."

This is the hereditary system of the Church, for the current application of which she ought, in her ramified agencies, to be duly equipped. It is that which the world and sentimental religionism repudiate. It can only be worthily attempted through a brave, thoughtful, studious purpose in her sons and daughters, from an adaptive education begun in childhood. It must be, especially, the unceasing charge of her Ministry for influential contact with society, and the rearing of the spiritual natures committed to them. There is a longing among the Laity for principles, defined authority, and some standard of belief and duty. There is also a wide chafing against prescript authority, owing to defective training, rationalism and lawlessness, even within the Church itself. The public taste repels abstruse dogma and scholastic theology. It is impatient of technical niceties of expression or system. But the Laity welcome broad and fundamental truths, presented with historic authority, as primitive and enduring facts. They ask definite teachings on the corporeity of the Church as an organized body. On the Creeds, as the unalterable witness of that Church to the common and individual faith. On the Sacraments, as pledges and means of actual gifts. On the Constitution of our own Church, as possessing and holding primitive faith and discipline—the Mystical and the Historic—sustained by Scripture and Catholic tradition. The Laity need instruction in the history of the Anglican Communion, down from the ancient British Church; the descent in the English nation, through social changes, modifications of ritual, fluctu-

ating from the State or foreign hierarchies, through which the connection with the whole historic past has been neither disjointed nor broken. They require information on the history of the Catholic Church of the Ante Nicene period, and the Four General Councils. Especially, they need to discriminate the attitude of the Church of England in the Reformation of the Sixteenth Century, when she removed the accretions of mediævalism by a patient study of the primitive, without a reconstruction through necessity or choice which must destructively affect the past estate. Our Church acted throughout in the integrity of her unbroken lineage, with a voidance of the authority of individual theologians, however eminent, and a steadfast deference to inspired teaching and Catholic practice.

Neither in the beginning, nor since, has the Church of God ever been committed to a conglomerate and unorganized life. The religious powers were historically organized by the Divine Head, and thus secure and maintain the best individual force, because preserving the connection with the primary objective and inspired development. The diligent teaching of the rudiments of this organized and perpetuated Church is peremptorily required by the condition alike of religionism and the world. The first, so far as the organic unity is involved, is to a large degree self-willed, capricious, and time serving. In its best estate, with wealth and numbers, it is unconsciously feeling after the missing links; inventing historic forms; claiming antiquity after a few decades of existence; borrowing traditionary æsthetics, and while at variance with the idea of the divine origin and pledged perpetuity of the visible Church, surrounding itself with the fiction of it, and confusing the more the whole question of organic

unity. Clear and diligent teaching on the same is also demanded by the indifferentism of our material age, and the unsettled condition of the young mind, owing to defective religious training.

Such teaching is required, in order to breast the reaction of the old Puritan systems, the metaphysical controversies, and the strained discipline of congregational and family life. The reaction from this has gradually insinuated a prevailing scepticism, which has vitiated the affections in their relation to religious assent. It has made rarer far a habit of faith as part of the constitutional life. Associated with other concurrent influences, more material and easily recognized, the wide-spread rationalism is earnest, acute, self-reliant and sensitive. It works in a mass of mind awake and sharp beyond anything, I believe, that society has ever held, to the same extent. The individual man is singularly prevalent and our social state avowedly an aggregation of units, and yet a vague public opinion holds and binds with absolute tyranny. The dogmatism of the individual may be blatant, but the independence of the individual is a practical nullity. Hence, shallow currents flood and submerge. The tendency is more to the objective in facts—the tangible and scientific; because a spurious condition of unreasoning subjectivity has prepared the way for the rationalism and unbelief more prevalent, I fear, than it is articulate. The very minds tainted by it are often unconscious of the actuality, and rather assume with conscious integrity that they are solicitous for trustworthy facts, with which an inquiring and hungry faith may be satisfied. God's provision for this is His Church. The hope of the world, as the refuge and rallying point for unity, and the adaptive to the unrest,

cravings and experiments of our social state, is the ANGLICAN COMMUNION, with its ancestral fidelity to the Divine Faith and appointments, its comprehensive liberty in opinion, its catholicity in spirit and practice, its protest against the arrogance of the Papacy and the insidious wrongs of Romanism, and its wise and gentle yearnings for the restoration of unity. This unity the Anglican Communion has never violated, nor has it ever pursued a single wandering sister with anathema or excision. Our duty, then, as children of this Mother, is plain as it is affectionate. To be faithful in love, and demonstrative in obedience to the Faith and Order which our Lord ordained and fixed with the perpetuity of His promise, and has made us partakers of the same grace. The Church of Christ was not introduced by any series of human impulses or social agreement, and it could not thus perpetuate. It is not connected with history by such accidents, nor can it, at any time, reliably claim to exist on such grounds, nor create itself out of the Holy Scriptures, which were committed to the Church in its own prior organism, as the keeper and witness of the inspired records written by its own ministry.

In the present state of ignorance of fundamental facts, and indifference to first principles, our obvious duty is to teach them "as unto babes." But it would be a terrible mistake to assume ignorance within this peculiar domain as the equivalent condition of general intelligence and individual power. The teachers now of churchly rudiments must be men appreciative of the real life around them, sensitive to its energy as well as cognizant of its contradictions—"wise as serpents, harmless as doves." So that, while I believe there never has been a state of society where due appre-

ciation of the system and work of the Catholic Church was so imperative, there has never been a time or place where comprehensive human learning, instinct with the assurance of a spiritual understanding and a practical love, was so demanded in the ministry of the Church as now and here. There is no gradation of this preparedness from large cities and centers till it becomes attenuated in by-places and Western rural life. It is almost an inverse ratio in regard to the demand, the exigency of need, the keenness of collision, and the refined machinery to be brought into use. I hope my Brethren will allow me to say, because a consciousness within me teaches it, that ministerial disappointment is largely the result of the Ministry not being up to the exigency. We admit the claims, but become bewildered and disheartened rather than inspirited by them. We appreciate the necessity of emphatic teaching of the Church's Order and Catholic Faith, and the winning assertion of the imperishable. But we feel too uninformed to venture to teach the detail and vindicate the issues. We are too unfurnished to cast challenge down into such a wild and yet practised melee. We shrink from provoking questions or stirring prejudice and imputations which we may be defective in love to bear with temper, and in acuteness to disarm. Brethren, my own fear and ignorance are in conscious fellowship with you in all this. Still I believe, I know experimentally, that it belongs more to apprehension than reality.

Let us gird ourselves more distinctly for the exigency; systematize more our subjects of pulpit teaching; give ordered place and rank to the whole Catholic and primitive in doctrine, discipline and sacraments; look vigilantly to the Sunday Schools and the children;

weed out the trashy from the libraries, and the vague from the teaching; make the Prayer Book the Text Book of instruction and training; let the children be lifted to the "praise ordained," out of their mouths by clear-toned responses and singing in the congregation; give no rest until we inspire parents with the sense of proper religious education, and create parochial schools, to sustain not alone the Church's faith, but, perchance, any faith at all in the hearts of our immortal lambs. Effort wise and good toward all this is honestly growing among us. But it is too exceptional and isolated. We want more of one heart and one voice, a conscious brotherhood of bold and definite purpose, a sense of support in our trials, because common to the "household of faith." Let us not be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, and shelter an actual cowardice under the popular platitudes. Let us not mutilate the Gospel by ignoring "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ," the living organization flowing through history, with its supernal current of truth and grace. Let us not permit what we say "*I believe*" in our Creeds to be jostled into any inferiority—THE CHURCH, ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC, the Visible Body of the God-Man—the divine and human in permanent manifestation, where the Holy Spirit, inspired at Pentecost, formed a personal indwelling of energy and gifts, and consecrates an enduring Apostleship.

Cost what it may, we must not abstain from impressing these things which cannot be changed on every mind within our influence.

But after all, such teaching will be a failure if its form be mainly intellectual and its spirit polemic. It is fearfully mutilated as soon as it is severed from the

inward and spiritual—the power unto salvation, the life and death application to the individual soul. We cannot teach the living Church scholastically. The word and the work must be the impulse and affinity of the perpetual vitality of struggling saintship. Though the roots are deep down in long centuries, the tree must have blossom and fruit perennial. It must be known by its fruits. Hence comes the modulation of diversities of character, temper and means, the nice aptitude of the collective and personal discipline. Hence the delicacy, tact and boldness of pastoral experience. Hence the intuitive sense of elevated expediency and the adroit handling of the adventitious and local. Hence the place for each grade of power and gifts in the variety of physical and moral nature; "for it is sanctified by the word of God and by prayer." As was said by *Master Henry Smith*, some three hundred years ago, "Therefore, though ye have seen cunning lawyers by much reading, and expert physicians by long study, yet you could never see a perfect sound judicious divine without holiness. I cannot tell how. This knowledge lies rather in the heart than in the head; and it is no great learning got by extreme study, but an inward feeling sent from God, by His Spirit, unto good men, like the ram which was brought unto Abraham when he would sacrifice his son. God teacheth him a way to make use of all that he seeth, and of all that he heareth, and of all that he readeth, and of all that he feeleth. Thus, when God has strained and fined him, he is apt to every good work and takes occasion to do them. If he but see one pray, his heart burneth to pray, too; if he see one reading, he hath a mind to read, too; if he see one meditating, he hath a zeal to meditate, too; if he

see one sorrowing, he hath a desire to sorrow, too. After this every benefit makes him thankful, every instruction makes him fearful, and he is never well but when he walketh with God, like Enoch, or when Christ is speaking to him or he is speaking to Christ. I am a collector for God, to gather hearts, doth the voice cry, either you must grant Him or deny Him."

May I address a word to the Laity, in frankness and affection, on their part in this elementary teaching and learning. The Pastor is the commissioned instructor, and the people have a claim to hear from him "the whole counsel of God." "The Priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of Hosts." But the Laity have thus obviously their reciprocal duty, in the front of which must be a reasonable amount of direct attention to what a true churchman ought to know, believe, do and be in his personal and corporate relations to its constitution, creeds, history and worship. There is an old story of the apprentice who refused to go to school or learn his alphabet, because his master was bound, by the indentures, to give him an education. I fear there may be sometimes a similar construction of the indenture which binds to the Church. The point is not in elaborate attainment; for, after all, a very small amount of time and hearty interest given to a few little books, and the use of them as manuals for practice, would make models of learning and reverence of our Western congregations, compared with what they now are. The condition of our Western Church is abnormal. A small portion only of its attending membership has been baptized in infancy and trained in its Creeds and discipline. It is the normal condition of the Church that its members

should "be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The New Testament assumes and provides for an hereditary religion. The promise was continued from an earlier ancestry "to you and to your children." But, in fact, four-fifths, probably, of the worshippers who frequent and sustain the Episcopal Churches were reared in ignorance of, or hostility to her Communion. The present attachment may depend, in a serious proportion of this number, on accident and a vague preference on extrinsic and personal grounds. There is no shame in this; on the contrary, it is our "crown of rejoicing." It is not proof of pastoral remissness and neglect, as it would be in an "established church;" but a witness to pastoral success and the calm force of Truth and Order, in the face of peculiar social obstructions.

But are these welcome crowds to remain nothing but a "mixed multitude"? are these apprentices to the Church's training and work to refuse instruction, and waste her opportunities in unthrift? Hundreds of those who contribute to the support of our clergy really do live in indifference to any direct means of advancing their own religious knowledge. Many do not provide proper Church Books for themselves and families. They find no time or inclination to read, even when they possess the books. They attend Divine Service without taking a Prayer Book in their hands, and disregard the postures of devotion, and would be unable to follow familiarly the order for Morning and Evening Prayer and the Administration of the Sacraments. They are exposed to hear the popular cavils to the Episcopal Church, and have no "assurance of understanding" to resist the flippant sneer or gross untruth, and no ability to give manly

"reason for the hope that is in them." They betray her cause and themselves, because they are "willingly ignorant." But harder still, owing to this slovenly inattention to the teaching of the Church, Laymen easily criminate their Pastor for "priestcraft," "bigotry," "Ritualism," "Romanism," or any other "mad dog cry," as soon as he speaks and acts distinctly on the simplest Catholic truths; "magnifies his office"—summons to Confirmation, as for a gift of the Holy Ghost, the seal of Baptismal regeneration and the passport to the Supper of the Lord; shows Christ in the sacraments, and commends the mystical fellowship of His Body and Blood; keeps the appointed Festivals and Fasts; resists lawlessness and honors canonical obedience; commands reverence in holy places; chides delinquency in worship and Communion; condemns the worldliness and sensuality of a debased charity; vindicates a godly morality; pleads for a self-denying imitation of Christ; presses the details of personal holiness, or exercises discipline against the "notorious evil liver." Sermons, well prepared and timely, fail to interest, owing to the ignorance of fundamental truths. The Preacher is faulted for his dullness, the Services for their length, the ritual for its ceremony, the Church for its stiffness, sacraments for their mystery, religion for its hypocrisy, principle for want of charity, and holiness for its asceticism. In consequence of this condition of being in the Church and not of it, false impressions easily disturb. The most serious discords which rend our parishes and blight the prospects of the all but helpless Minister, find leadership and sympathy in this very prevalence of nominal churchmanship, unthinking, unreading, world-absorbed—the accident of the household of faith.

It does not at all follow that the persons thus delinquent in their constructive relation to the Church, thus wanting to themselves intellectually and morally within her pale, present similar characteristics in social or business life. It is often the very opposite, and thus the shrewd, busy, influential and generous in social esteem enhance the evils of religious "nothingness" by eminent wisdom in their generation. We use, beloved, "great plainness of speech," and thus "beseech you, by the mercies of God," that you will "love Him with your mind" and "fill up that which is lacking in your faith," diligently and conscientiously learning more of the "OLD PATHS," and "walking worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called."

But far more than these "strangers in the Church" are the true Helpers of our Diocesan fellowship, so many of whom I have in my heart, and know their works and labor of love. Their ear will receive, as a tone of encouragement, the appeal to be more and more aggressive on the ignorance and prejudice around them; more sensitive to the inquiring spirit, asking for guidance; more demonstrative in the bond of the Holy Catholic Church, and devout in the membership of its historic branch in these United States. There is a tender wisdom in conceiving and doing, which multiplies occasions and redoubles the effect. Above all, there is the influence of a devout life, which irradiates the means by the beauty of its own trust and obedience. The same Holy Spirit kindles and consumes the acceptable holocaust of the congregation, the offerings of the family altar, and the incense in the shrine of the soul. Let us cherish more gratefully than ever the benedictions of that spirit in the sacred means by which his graces are nurtured and heavenward

aspirations expanded. All His work, in the diversities of gifts and operations, is to testify of CHRIST; all our struggling progress is to be "changed into the same image," through faith, love and hope, in patience and sacrifice, charity and zeal, and with all the holy and humble of heart, to bless the same adored Lord, to praise Him and magnify Him forever.

Not now the hours of rest or the songs of "harvest home." We are "sowing in tears," which it is vain to wipe away, for the eye must be a fountain "for the slain of the daughter of my people." Only tears must not blind us to the ready help and coming triumph, nor the present afflictions cause us to turn "judgment into wormwood." Therefore the Angel, when he had recorded all the troubles that should come in the latter days, distress of nations with perplexity, the overflowings of ungodliness, the upheaving of public and private life, with the fiery probation of belief and practice, concludes at last with the saying, "Here is the patience of the Saints."

We know not whether the signs are portentous of the end; but we do know that the Priesthood and the godly must suffer tribulation, as the same old Minister of St. Clement's Dane quaintly tells:

"Since now we are not in Paradise, but in the wilderness, we must look for one trouble after another. Therefore afflictions are called waters, because, as one wave falleth upon another, so one trouble falleth upon another. As a Bear came to David after a Lion, and a Giant after a Bear, and a King after a Giant, and Philistines after the King, so, when they have fought with poverty they shall fight with envy; when they have fought with envy, they shall fight with infamy; when they have fought with infamy, they shall fight with

sickness, like a laborer that is never out of work. Thus you see the righteous in troubles, like the Israelites in exile; yet are they but troubles, not plagues, nor curses, nor torments."

"There is a courage of the soldier. Is there not a courage of the Priest?"

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CALENDAR

Of Parochial Offerings, and of Vestry and Parish Meetings, &c., in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Illinois.

Advent A. D. 1870. Advent A. D. 1871.

Dec. 18, 1870	3d Sunday in Advent..	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Feb. 5,.. 1871	Septuagesima Sunday...	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
Feb. 6,.. 1871	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
Mar. 19, 1871	4th Sunday in Lent.....	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Apr. 10, 1871	Monday in Easter Week	§ Election of Vestry, etc.
May 7,.. 1871	4th Sunday after Easter	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
May 8,.. 1871	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
June 18, 1871	2d Sunday after Trinity	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Aug. 6,.. 1871	9th Sunday after Trinity	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
Aug. 7,.. 1871	.....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
Sept. 12, 1871	.....	‖ Diocesan Convention, Chicago.
Sept. 17, 1871	15th Sunday aft. Trinity	* Offering, Diocesan Missions.
Nov. 5,.. 1871	22d Sunday aft. Trinity	† Offering, Diocesan Fund.
Nov. 6,.. 1871	....	‡ Quarterly Meeting of Vestry.
Nov. —, 1871	Thanksgiving Day.....	¶ Offering, Infirm Clergy.

* See Canon XIII, Sec. 6.

† See Canon XIII, Sec. 2.

‡ See Canon VIII, *Constitution of a Parish, Art. VIII, Sec.* 1.

§ See Canon IX, Sec. 1, and Canon VIII, *Constitution of a Parish, Art. V.*

‖ See Amendment to Article III, Constitution, Sec. 1, Page 26, Journal of Thirtieth Annual Convention.

¶ See Canon XIV, Sec. 1.

During the Convention, the following Resolutions were presented, read, and, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Rectors of Parishes to enforce the observance of the 1st Section of Canon 12, Title II, of the Digest.

Resolved, That the foregoing Resolution, together with the Section of the Canon referred to, be printed upon the cover of the Journal. "Title II, Canon 12, Section 1: A Communicant, removing from one Parish to another, shall procure from the Rector (if any) of the Parish of his last residence, or, if there be no Rector, from one of the Wardens, a certificate, stating that he or she is a Communicant, in good standing: and the Rector of the Parish or Congregation to which he or she removed shall not be required to receive him or her as a Communicant, until such letter be produced."

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